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BIRTHS.

FITZGERALD—February 25, 1924, at the District Mental Hospital, Clonmel, the wife of Dr. J. F. Fitzgerald, A.M.O., of a son.

HARRIS—February 23, 1924, the wife of Richard J. Harris, The Garage, Delgany, a son.

PARKES—February 24, 1924, at "Magiona," Upper Mount st., the wife of M. J. Parkes, L.P.S.I., 9 Main st., Blackrock, a son.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 4.

ARKINS—February 26, 1924, May, eldest daughter of Mrs. Arkins and the late John Arkins, Kinlagh, Kilfenora, R.I.P. Remains leave Hospice, Harold's Cross, at 8.30 a.m. for train leaving Kingsbridge at 9.30 to-day (Thursday). High Mass Enais Cathedral 11 o'clock to-morrow (Friday). Funeral to Nenagh-ville immediately afterwards.

BIRD—February 25, 1924, at Le Chateau, Guernsey, Lucy Ethelwin, wife of Walter J. Bird, late of Ceylon.

CORMACK—February 26, 1924, at Dublin, Donald, son of the late Hugh Cormack and Mrs. Cormack, Fair st., Drogheda. Funeral private.

DONALDSON—February 20, 1924, at his residence, 3 Windsor Villas, Highfield av., Cork, Robert Garnett, dearly-beloved husband of May Donaldson, son of the late Theodore Donaldson, Staten Island, New York, and Mrs. Donaldson, Dublin, and grandson of the late Henry Homan Baldwin, Summer Hill, Nenagh. "With Christ, which is far better." Funeral took place February 23rd, 1924, at New Cemetery, Cork.

FORBES—February 26th, 1924, at a Private Nursing Home in Dublin, Arthur Forbes, of Earlsvale, Cavan, eldest son of the late Arthur Forbes, of Newstone, Co. Meath, and Craigavad, Co. Down. Funeral at Dean's Grange to-morrow (Friday) at 9 o'clock.

GILLMOR—February 27, 1924, at his residence, Roscrib, Ballymote, Co. Sligo, Samuel William, eldest son of the late Alexander Gillmor, Ballinsparrow, Ballymote. Funeral 1 o'clock to-morrow (Friday).

GRAY—February 26, 1924, at her residence, Naas, Jane, widow of the late W. S. Gray, aged 82 years. Funeral to-day (Thursday) at 2 o'clock to family burial ground, Maudlins, Naas.

HAMILTON—February 26, 1924, at The Abbey, Ingle, William Hamilton, M.D., eldest son of the late Rev. Frederick Hamilton, Rector of Easterssow, Ingle. Funeral to-day (Thursday). No flowers, by request.

HAYDEN—February 21, 1924, Mary Jane, widow of the late John Hayden, Wellington Cottage, Cahir.

Father, in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now our loved one sleeping."

JOHNSON—At her residence, Athy rd., Carlow, Susan, widow of the late Charles Robert Johnson. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing sons and daughters. "For ever with the Lord." Funeral to Ballintemple Cemetery to-morrow (Friday), 29th inst.

LANE—February 21, 1924, William J. Lane, Attadore, Glenbegerry, Co. Dublin, late of Chipiee, Ballintemple, Co. Cork, and Southhall.

LORD—February 26, 1924, at her father's residence, 96 South Circular rd., Rialto, Elizabeth Maud (Lizzie), dearly-loved second youngest daughter of Henry and the late Ellen Lord. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing father, sisters, nieces, and a large circle of friends. "Thy will be done." Funeral to Mount Jerome to-morrow (Friday) morning, 11 o'clock.

PEMBERTON—February 27, 1924, at her residence, 1 Northbrook Villas, Ranelagh, Georgina, beloved wife of F. H. Pemberton. Thy will be done. Funeral private. No flowers.

ROE—February 26, 1924, at Monkstown, Captain Claude Peter Roe, of Belmont, The Hill, Monkstown, only child of the late J. H. Roe. Funeral private.

WHITTY—February 26, 1924, of heart failure, Sophia St. John Whitty, eldest daughter of the late Dr. Whitty and of Mrs. Whitty, of Old Bawn, Bray. Funeral from Old Bawn to Enniskerry Churchyard to-morrow (Friday), 29th inst., at 9 a.m.

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THE MONEY MARKET.

LOANS PLENTIFUL.

FURTHER FALL IN FRANCS.

As expected, Liverpool Corporation has arranged its borrowing on comparatively cheap terms, the average discount for the twelve months' bills being £3 12s. 6d. per cent. Applications for the £1,000,000 wanted amounted to £4,737,000, offers of £95 7s. 10d. being allotted in full.

Bank Rate (discount charged July 5, 1923), 4%.

60 days (fine)	3⅛ – 3¼		
3 months	3⅜ – 3½	Trade	4 – 4½
4 months	3⅜ – 3½	"	4½ – 4⅝
6 months	3⅝ – 3¾	"	4¾ – 5
Loans to brokers (day-to-day)			2½
" for a week			2½
Deposit allowance: Banks at call			2
Discount houses, at call			2
" at notice			2½

Although the condition of money was fairly comfortable, rates were well maintained, with night loans 2½-2¾ per cent., fixtures 2¾ per cent. The downward movement in discount rates ceased. There was not a great deal of business going on, fine three months' bank bills being 3⅛-3⅜ per cent., and the new Treasuries 3¼ per cent. One of the banks was still wanting March paper at 3¼ per cent., but not much was to be obtained, April being 3⅛.

Gold rose 3d. per ounce further to 96s. 3d. Silver fell 1d. per ounce for spot and ½d. for forward delivery to 33¾d. and 33½d., respectively.

Most attention in the market for exchanges was directed to francs, which showed still greater weakness, the rate on Paris being 101.60-102.45, and on Belgium 118¼-118¾. Comparatively, sterling was steady at 4.29½-4.30¼, Holland appreciating slightly to 11.51½-11.52, and Switzerland to 24.80-24.83. Argentine dollars were offered freely, and came back to 42⅛-42⅜. The following are closing quotations:—

—	February 27.	February 26.	Normal Rate.
Alexandria	97⅛	97⅛	97⅝
Amsterdam	11.51⅜ – 11.52	11.51 – 11.51½	12.10
B. Ayres	42⅛ – 42⅜	43⅛ – 43⅜	47.58
Barcelona	34.00 – 34.02	33.98 – 34.00	25.22
Berlin	19 billions	19 billions	20.40
Bombay	1/4⅜ – 1/4⅝	1/4⅜ – 1/4⅝	2/0
Brussels	116⅛ – 116¾	115⅝ – 116¼	25.22½
Calcutta	1/4⅜ – 1/4⅝	1/4⅜ – 1/4⅝	2/0
Christiania	32.60 – 32.65	32.79 – 32.76	18.15
Copenhagen	27.06 – 27.15	27.10 – 27.15	18.15
Creditanstalt	148 – 148½	148¼ – 148¾	—
Finland	170¾ – 171¼	171 – 171⅛	25.22½
Greece	230 – 235	230 – 260	25.22½
Hong Kong	2/3⅛ – 2/3⅝	2/3⅛ – 2/3⅝	—
Hungary	175,000 sellers	170,000 sellers	—
Italy	99⅞ – 99⅞	99¼ – 99⅜	25.22½
Lisbon	1⅛ – 1⅛	1⅛ – 1⅛	53⅓
Madrid	33.94 – 33.98	33.56 – 33.98	25.22½
Mexico	26d	26d	24½d
Montreal	4.43⅝ – 4.44¼	4.44 – 4.45	4.86
Montevideo	42⅜ – 43⅛	42 – 43⅛	51d.
New York	4.29⅝ – 4.30¼	4.29½ – 4.30⅛	4.86
Paris	101.55 – 101.65	100.60 – 100.70	25.22
Poland	40,000,000	38,500,000	—
Reichsbank	6¾ – 6⅞	6¾ – 6⅞	16⅔
Roumania	810 – 820	810 – 830	—
Shanghai	3/3⅜ – 3/3⅝	3/3⅜ – 3/3⅝	—
Singapore	2/4⅛	2/4⅛	2/4⅛
Stockholm	16.44 – 16.47	16.43 – 16.46	18.15
Switzerland	24.80 – 24.83	24.80 – 24.83	25.22
Valparaiso	42.70	42.10	18.33
Vienna	300,000 – 305,000	301,000 – 308,000	—
Yokohama	2/1⅛ – 2/1⅛	2/1⅛ – 2/1⅜	84.

RAILWAYMEN'S WAGES.

PROPOSALS FROM WORKERS AND COMPANIES.

A meeting of the Railway Central Wages Board established under the recently adopted scheme of negotiation was held at the Irish Railway Clearing House, 5 Kildare street, Dublin, yesterday.

Proposals from the railway companies for reductions in wages and alterations in the conditions of service of the grades covered by the scheme, together with proposals from the Railwaymen's Unions for advances in rates of pay and improved conditions of service, were considered.

The Board failed to come to an agreement, and it is expected that the parties will now take their respective cases to the Irish Railway Wages Board.

Lord Rosebery has given £5,000 to the fund for the acquisition of athletic grounds for the students of the University of London.

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MURDER OF FARMER'S WIFE.

DEATH SENTENCE ON KERRY WOMAN.

Hannah Flynn, a domestic servant, was sentenced to death by Mr. Justice Pim, at the Dublin Commission yesterday, for the wilful murder of Mrs. Margaret O'Sullivan at Cullooneymore, Killorglin, Co. Kerry, on the 1st April last. His Lordship said that he would support the jury's recommendation to mercy.

The facts in connection with the crime, as outlined by Mr. Carrigan, K.C., for the prosecution, were that on Easter Sunday morning last Daniel O'Sullivan, a farmer, of Cullooneymore, Co. Kerry, on returning home from Mass, found his wife murdered, her body lying in a pool of blood in the kitchen. Mrs. O'Sullivan had been brutally done to death with a hatchet, and her features were so mutilated that it was impossible to recognise them.

The house had been ransacked, both upstairs and downstairs, and securities to the value of £600, as well as £16 16s., had been stolen. Clothes had also been taken away. In the kitchen a hatchet, covered with blood and with human hair adhering to it, was found.

The prisoner had been in the employment of the O'Sullivans for a short period in 1922. She was dismissed when found to be unsatisfactory, and her dismissal seemed to have engendered in her mind a feeling of hatred for her former employers. She developed the habit of calling at the O'Sullivan home nightly, when she would abuse Mr. O'Sullivan and his wife and fling stones at the house. She alleged that 50s. in wages was due to her, and although she was not entitled to the money the deceased paid her 45s.

MARKS IN A FIELD.

The prisoner was arrested in Killorglin on Easter Monday, the day following the commission of the crime. The cottage in which she lived was located about a mile from Killorglin. When arrested the woman was wearing boots which exactly fitted marks which had been made in a potato field adjoining the O'Sullivans' house by someone walking from the house across the field. She was also found to be in possession of a shawl which corresponded exactly to one belonging to Mrs. O'Sullivan, which had been taken from the house of the murdered woman.

The statement made by the prisoner after her arrest was proved to be false, Mr. Carrigan declared. She said that on the night before the murder—Saturday night—about 6 or 7 o'clock, she left her home to go to Tralee to look for work. Tralee was eighteen miles away, and the accused said that when she got there some person went to hire her, but the wages offered were too low. She also said that she stayed in a house in the town and left at 7 o'clock in the morning and returned home. It would be proved, however, that on Saturday night, about 10 o'clock, a woman like the accused was seen near the house of the deceased, and five witnesses would prove that at 11 o'clock next morning the accused was seen coming from the direction of Mrs. O'Sullivan's house and going towards her own home.

She was then wearing a shawl, and when the people passed her she had something under it. The case, said counsel, was a terrible and revolting one.

Daniel O'Sullivan, husband of the murdered woman, gave evidence in corroboration of counsel, and said that the prisoner had to be put away from service in his house, as she was "too much of a thief around the place," and was disobedient. She had threatened him, and said she would have his life. On the morning of the murder he left home about ten o'clock to go to Mass.

On returning about one o'clock, and going into the kitchen, he saw his wife lying on the floor in a pool of blood.

DECEASED'S INJURIES.

Dr. Sheehan, Milltown, gave evidence of the injuries which the deceased received. There were eight wounds on the head and face, and the skull and face bones were fractured. All the wounds could have been caused by the hatchet (produced). Some were in the back of the head, but none of these individually would have caused death.

John Feehan, a servant in the employment of the O'Sullivans, stated that the deceased and the accused had some unpleasantness while the latter was in Mrs. O'Sullivan's service. After she had left, the accused one day "commandeered" a load of turf the witness was carting, as she said money was due to her.

William O'Neill, a farmer's son, deposed that on the date of the crime he met the accused on the road about one and a half miles from O'Sullivan's house, and going in the direction of her own house. She was walking quickly, wore a brown shawl, and had what appeared to be a bundle under the shawl. It was then about eleven o'clock, and the people in the district had all gone to Mass.

Timothy O'Neill, a farm servant, corroborated the evidence of the previous witness.

POLICE EVIDENCE.

Sergeant O'Rourke, Civic Guard, deposed to seeing fresh footprints leading from the back door of O'Sullivan's house across a potato field to a stile. When arrested the accused was found wearing a pair of boots, one of which was longer and broader than the other. These exactly corresponded with the footprints found in the potato field.

Inspector Ryan, Civic Guard, gave similar evidence. When arrested the accused made a statement, in which she said she went to Tralee on Saturday evening to get work, that she stayed there all night, and returned to her home at two o'clock on Sunday.

In reply to Mr. Lennon, the witness said there were no stains on the accused's clothing, nor did he find any of the missing property on her or in her house. It was several days after the murder that her house was searched.

Dr. Hackett, medical officer, Mountjoy Prison, examined by Mr. Lennon, stated that the accused was in prison since February 3. She was under special observation, and he found her to be a woman of low intelligence, but she was sufficiently intelligent to be able to plead.

THE DEFENCE.

Mr. M. J. Lennon, addressing the jury for the defence, said that the crime was certainly an atrocious one, as atrocious as was ever committed.

When the accused was arrested, he said, she was wearing a dirty white blouse, and not one sign of blood could be found on it or on her clothes. Yet she was alleged to have used a heavy hatchet in the commission of this crime. It would be an extraordinary thing for the accused to go about after the murder wearing the dead woman's shawl. The whole case against the accused rested on the potato field, and he submitted that this evidence could not be relied on.

After half an hour's absence the jury returned to court, and the foreman announced that they could not agree.

Mr. Justice Pim asked if they disagreed as to the accused's mental condition or as to the facts.

The foreman said that they had some doubt as to the actual commission of the crime by the accused.

In accordance with his Lordship's request, the jury again retired, and after an absence of fifty minutes returned to court with a verdict of guilty. They strongly recommended the prisoner to mercy in view of her low mental condition.

Mr. Justice Pim said that he agreed with the verdict and also with the recommendation to mercy.

His Lordship then formally passed sentence of death, the execution being fixed for March 27.

On hearing the sentence pronounced the prisoner broke down and had to be assisted from the dock.

DUBLIN CORPORATION.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INQUIRY

Our advertising columns contain a notice that the Irish Free State Minister of Local Government has appointed Mr. Nicholas O'Dwyer, one of his inspectors, to hold a local inquiry into the performance of their duties by the Council of the County Borough of Dublin. The inquiry will take place in the Oak Room of the Mansion House at 11 o'clock on Tuesday, 11th March next. Any person interested may attend and give evidence.

Polling in the Burnley by-election takes place to-day.

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YESTERDAY'S CASES IN THE COURTS.

THE ACTION AGAINST MR. LARKIN.

CASE FOR THE DEFENDANTS.

The hearing was resumed yesterday, before the Lord Chief Justice and a city special jury, of the action of Bennett v. Larkin, and Cahill and Co., Ltd., for libel. The plaintiff was James H. Bennett, District Secretary for Ireland of the National Sailors' and Firemen's Union, and the defendants were James Larkin and Cahill and Co., Ltd., of Parkgate Printing Works, Dublin.

The libel complained of was published in "The Irish Worker" of June 30th last, of which Mr. Larkin was editor and Messrs. Cahill and Co., Ltd., the printers.

The defendants admitted publication of the letter, headed "Seamen's Strike." Mr. Larkin pleaded justification, and Messrs. Cahill and Co., Ltd., as printers, apologised for the publication.

Mr. Serjeant Hanna, K.C.; Mr. Lardner, K.C.; and Mr. M. Maguire (instructed by Mr. John McDowell) appeared for the plaintiff. Mr. Wood, K.C., and Mr. Geoghegan (instructed by Messrs. William Smyth and Son) appeared for Mr. Larkin.

Messrs. Cahill and Co., Ltd., were not professionally represented.

Mr. Charles Bewley (instructed by Messrs. James O'Connor and Co.) held a watching brief on behalf of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

Mr. Wood, K.C., in opening the case for Mr. Larkin, said that his case was that the comments on the letter were fair comment on a matter of public significance. In a sense, unfortunately, but in another sense fortunately, the case was an issue simply between Bennett and the man who wrote the letter, one Michael Nolan, and those who would be produced as witnesses to show that the incident which was in the forefront of the letter of Nolan occurred—namely, that on the 6th June, 1921, when the holocaust of woe was spreading desolation in Belfast, men formed themselves into a Committee, and a deputation went to Queen's square to see Mr. Bennett, who should protect them. The deputation wanted Bennett to hold a public protest meeting of their members in Belfast, at which a resolution would be passed, so that they might have the protection of not only what Bennett would do in Belfast, but what Mr. Havelock Wilson would do as President through the Imperial Government in London. As the deputation proceeded to speak to Bennett, some heat was engendered. Mr. Bennett said, "If you don't clear out of this, I will send for the police." Suiting the action to the word, he went into the inner office. Nolan would tell them that he heard Bennett ring up the Musgrave street police barracks. After a few minutes there arrived on Queen's square 25 police from Musgrave street barracks and two armoured cars, and the men were gradually moved away.

That was what the witnesses would tell them, and that was the issue—Whether or not they would believe these men that this incident occurred—and if they believed them there was an end to the case.

NOLAN'S EVIDENCE.

Michael Nolan, of 15 New Andrew street, Belfast, was then examined, and admitted having written the letter complained of to Mr. Larkin. On the 1st October, 1921, two hundred and fifty of them went over to the I.T.G.W.U. Union. In Belfast the Catholic firemen were hunted away from the ships at the point of the gun. At a meeting held in St. Mary's Hall, it was decided to send a deputation to Bennett's office on Queen's square, to request him to call a protest meeting of members of the branch to bring pressure on their General President, Mr. Havelock Wilson, in order to get him to bring the seamen's case under the notice of the Imperial Government. Mr. Bennett absolutely refused to take any notice of their complaint. Bennett told them to get out of the office or he would send for the police. After that Bennett left the outer office and went into the inner room and rang up on the telephone. The deputation then was leaving the office, and he heard Bennett distinctly over the telephone ask, "Was that Musgrave street Barracks?" They went out to the men, numbering about 120, who were in groups of ten, twenty and thirty, awaiting the result of the interview with Bennett. While they were speaking twenty-four policemen came out from the direction of Princes street and two armoured cars came from the direction of the town clock, and they were cleared off the square.

Cross-examined by Serjeant Hanna—Did you write the letter or copy it? It became an invention of my own brain.

Were you bound over by the magistrate in Belfast for beating your wife? I was at one time. It was only a domestic quarrel. (Laughter.)

Had you recent trouble for interfering with another man's wife? No.

Answering further questions, witness said that he had been out of employment since 1921.

Hugh Mawhinny, 49 Ship street, Belfast, who said that he was a Catholic and had been out of employment since 1921, corroborated Nolan as to what took place in Mr. Bennett's office.

In cross-examination by Mr. Lardner, K.C., the witness said that after the visit to Bennett's office they went to the Transport Union hall and discussed the matter about writing the letter to Mr. Larkin.

Mr. Lardner, K.C., pointed out that the incident referred to was alleged to have taken place in 1921, and the letter was dated 1923.

The witness said that a man might make an error.

MR. LARKIN'S EVIDENCE.

James Larkin was examined by Mr. Wood, K.C.

Do you know the man Michael Nolan who was produced here? I used be very familiar with him when I was in Belfast before I left for America.

Are you an American refugee? I might be claimed a Belfast refugee, like Mr. Hanna. (Laughter.)

Witness then referred to the Dublin Docks dispute, and went on to say that he got the letter in question about the 25th June from Michael Nolan in Belfast.

It has been suggested that you inspired the writing of the letter; is that true? It is not true. When I got the letter I went down to the Head Line boat and made inquiries.

Did you make any inquiries in Belfast? I sent a man to Belfast.

Do you still believe that the statement of facts are still true in substance and in fact? The letter that was sent to me by Mick Nolan—certainly.

Were they published by you in good faith for the benefit of the public and without malice? Certainly.

Is it true, as alleged, that Bennett actively participated in the persecution of Catholic seamen and firemen in Belfast? I believe he did, as a Mason and Orangeman.

Is it true that he worked in conjunction with the Six Counties Government in the North? He supplied "scabs." He organised "scabs" in Liverpool to bring them over to take Dublin men's jobs.

Witness was further asked with regard to the other allegations in the article commenting on the letter, and said that he believed that they were true.

In cross-examination by Serjeant Hanna, the witness denied the suggestion that he was trying to stir up the terrible state of affairs which existed in Belfast in 1921.

Serjeant Hanna—Do you object to Bolshevik methods? No; they mean majority rule.

You state—"We know how willingly he worked with the Craig Government in the persecution of the workers of Belfast." Can you point to any association between the Craig Government and Bennett? He addressed a meeting in an orange hall in opposition to the labour candidate in Belfast. He ran anti-Home Ruler and anti-Catholic.

Questioned with regard to the letter, which was signed "Union Man," and began with the words A Chairde, Serjeant Hanna asked what that meant. Mr. Larkin, amidst laughter, said—"I suppose it is the French for Jim Larkin."

This closed the evidence, and the Court adjourned until 11 o'clock this morning.

RENT OF CLONMEL HOUSES.

LONDON MERCHANT'S ACTION.

Mr. Justice Dodd entered judgment for the plaintiff in the action brought by Mark John Cashin, 63 Harvard Court, West Hampstead, London, retired merchant, against Mrs. Kate O'Donnell, 39 Irishtown, Clonmel, County Tipperary, for £200, arrears of rent due out of six dwellinghouses, with shop, yard and premises, at Irishtown, held by the defendant as tenant from year to year to the plaintiff, under agreement dated 19th April, 1915, at the yearly rent of £80.

Mr. James Cawley (instructed by Messrs. Mackenzie and Skehan) appeared for the plaintiff. There was no appearance for the defendant.

DUBLIN SOLICITOR'S ACTION.

SUBSTITUTING SERVICE OF A WRIT.

In the Chancery Division, before the Master of the Rolls, in an intended action by John B. Stritch, solicitor, of 17 North Great George's street, Dublin, against Helen Tichborne, of 8 Eaton square, Monkstown, and Roger Tichborne, her brother, of Nairobi, Kenya Colony, East Africa.

Mr. H. Hughes (instructed by Messrs. Molloy and Fayle) applied *ex-parte* on behalf of the plaintiff for an order giving him liberty to serve the writ on the defendant Roger Tichborne by serving his solicitors, Messrs. Kennedy and Figgis, Dublin.

The action was being brought to recover certain moneys alleged to be due to the plaintiff by the defendants on foot of mortgages and judgment mortgages with reference to house property in Monkstown, the title to which was described as very complicated.

The defendants, it appeared, had become entitled to the house property mentioned on the death of their father and mother, and the object of the plaintiff in the present proceedings was to obtain a declaration that the various sums due to him were "well charged" on the property.

The application was granted.

OWNERSHIP OF CAVAN LANDS.

INJUNCTION GRANTED.

Before the Master of the Rolls an action was brought by Patrick Molloy, farmer, of Edenburt, Co. Cavan, against Thomas and Patrick Farrelly, farmers, of the same place, for an injunction restraining them from interfering with the plaintiff in his use and enjoyment of his farm at Edenburt, and from preventing or interfering with the sale of the lands, and from intimidating or shreatening intending purchasers. The plaintiff also sought damages for trespass and preventing the sale of the lands, and for conspiracy to boycott the plaintiff in reference to the lands.

The defendants denied certain averments in their statement of claim, and alleged that the plaintiff purchased the farm with the knowledge that they claimed to be entitled to portion of it. They further stated that they obtained a decree in the Dail Eireann Court for £58 15s. on the 24th February, 1922, against the previous owner of the farm, Timothy Smyth, who failed to pay the amount, and that the decree had been registered in the Dail Court, and that they *bona fide* believed the decree would be made effectual.

Mr. Lardner, K.C., and Mr. J. J. Walsh (instructed by Mr. Justin C. McKenna) appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. F. J. Smyth (instructed by Mr. Francis McBreen) for the defendants.

The Master of the Rolls gave judgment in favour of the plaintiff, granting the injunction sought, with costs, and awarding the plaintiff £25 damages. The plaintiff, he said, had the indisputable title to the land, because he was the registered owner, and no person could dispute his title. The decree which the defendants had got in the Dail Eireann Court was not worth the paper it was written on, because it was the decree of an illegal Court. But, assuming that it was a legal Court, the decree could be nothing more than a personal judgment against Mathew Farrelly. The decree gave the defendants no claim whatever to the lands. On the evidence he was absolutely satisfied that these men (defendants) went to the auction at Monaghan for the purpose of boycotting the sale of the lands, and that they effectually did boycott the sale of the lands.

A SKERRIES HOUSE.

DECREE FOR POSSESSION.

Before Mr. Justice Dodd, Philip Halpin, Skerries, sued James Waldon for possession of the dwellinghouse, Fernvilli, Church street, Skerries. The plaintiff, it appeared, had residing with him his wife, two sons and unmarried daughters, and sometimes one of his sons. The house in which he resided, next door to the defendant, contained only four rooms, a kitchen, and a shop underneath, accommodation which was inadequate, and he required the house occupied by the defendant, which contained seven rooms, for the accommodation of himself and his family. His youngest daughter was about to be married, and he wanted the house in which he resided for her and her prospective husband.

The defendant pleaded the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Restriction Act of 1923, and said that it would be a great hardship on him if he had to leave the house.

His Lordship gave a decree for possession.

Mr. C. Walker (instructed by Messrs. H. T. Dix and Sons) appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Fergus O'Connor (instructed by Mr. John Hawthorne) for the defendant.

FOREIGN MAILS.

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The following mails were received in London yesterday:—Windward Islands and Trinidad, by s.s. Sluysvenant; Canada and Newfoundland, by s.s. Andania.

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MAIL BAG RECOVERED.

One of the mail bags stolen from a Post Office van last Tuesday night was recovered intact yesterday on the river steps at Victoria quay.

WATERFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

SWORN INQUIRY OPENED.

A sworn inquiry, by order of the Local Government Board into the administration of the Waterford County Council was opened at Dungarvan Courthouse yesterday by Mr. Conkling, Local Government Board Inspector. Mr. O'Sullivan, Secretary to the County Council, was the only witness examined.

Mr. Ryan, State Solicitor, was present, as were also Mr. McCoy, representing the County Council, and Mr. J. F. Williams, who appeared on behalf of the Farmers' Union.

The Inspector, in opening the inquiry, said that he had been requested, by virtue of the powers vested in the Local Government Board, to hold an inquiry on oath into the administration of the County Council. The inquiry would be for the purpose of elucidating facts in connection with the working of the Council, so that the Minister would be able to determine whether there were any defects, and also decide on the best means towards rectifying them. The Inspector said that he would do all he could to make the inquiry as short as possible, so as to avoid unnecessary expense.

Mr. Conkling then read the letter of the Local Government Board directing him to hold the inquiry, after which Mr. O'Sullivan, Secretary of the County Council, was sworn.

Mr. McCoy said that the inquiry appeared to be an exceedingly open one. The Council, however, would court the fullest inquiry, and they had directed their secretary to give the fullest possible information and to expedite the proceedings in every possible way. Mr. McCoy wished to know if there were any specific charges, so that the Council at the commencement might know what they had to meet.

The Inspector said that his instructions did not convey to him any specific charge made against the County Council. He was simply instructed to inquire into the general administration, and see whether there was any foundation for the allegations made against the Council.

"NO ALLEGATIONS."

Mr. McCoy said that, as far as he knew, there were no allegations.

Mr. Williams said that the Local Government Board had the right under the temporary provisions of the Act of 1923 to hold the inquiry when they liked.

The Inspector said that a general stock-taking was the real purpose of the inquiry.

Mr. O'Sullivan then gave evidence. He deposed to the meetings held, the number of members in attendance at the several meetings, and the estimates for the various years beginning with 1913 up to the present year.

The estimate for 1913 and 1914 was £57,523, and the estimate for the present year was £134,099. The rates in 1913-14 were 5s. 9d. to 3s. 11d. on land, and from 4s. 6d. to 5s. 10d. for other demands. For the years 1923-24 the rates were 8s. 7d. to 10s. 3d. on land, and 10s. 9d. to 12s. 1d. on buildings. The County Surveyor's estimate in 1913-14 for roads was £24,380, and for 1923-24 the estimate was £60,800. The road workers' wages in 1913 were 14s. a week, and in 1923 were 45s. per week. This year they are 36s. per week.

The asylum demands in 1913-14 were £111,702. This year they were £36,000. The Union demands rose from £28,437 in 1914 to £60,671 in 1923. Salaries also showed increases. The total outstanding rates for 1923 were £2,903 13s. 11d., and on the 26th February past their debit balance was £19,215 9s. 11d. They had received yesterday morning a paying order for £15,206 6s.

£120,000 INCREASE.

Cross-examined by Mr. Williams, the witness said that the warrants for the years 1913-14 were £87,623.

Mr. Williams—I find for the year 1922-23 the warrants amount to £180,356. Yes, that is right.

That is roughly an increase of £120,000? Yes.

And for the current year it is £134,099? Yes.

The witness, in further examination, gave evidence of increases in the salaries. There was a demand by the Transport and General Workers' Union for an increase of wages. This demand was referred to the Finance Committee, and they increased the wages of road men to 45s. per week.

Mr. Williams—Was there any resolution rescinding the former rate of pay?

Witness—No.

Mr. Williams held that they should have rescinded the former resolution before a change was made.

The inquiry was adjourned until this morning.

LOCAL TAXATION.

THE PAYMENT OF GRANTS AUTHORISED.

It is officially announced that the Government have recently authorised payment of the following grants:—Exchequer Contribution, £356,153 12s. 5d.; Estate Duty Grant, £34,557 10s. 6d.; and Agricultural Grant, £462,415 5s. 6d.

The distribution of these monies at the present time will benefit largely the local authorities. The allocation of the grants has followed directly upon the improvement in the position as regards arrears of land purchase annuities. Grants in aid of local taxation are by Statute payable in the first instance into the guarantee fund established under the Land Purchase Acts. Land purchase annuities are fixed at sums sufficient to pay charges for interest and sinking fund in connection with advances for land purchase, and when annuities are not paid at the proper time the deficiency can only be met out of the guarantee fund.

During 1921 and 1922 there was a large accumulation of arrears of annuities, and for this reason the local taxation account for these years did not receive in full the funds which would normally have passed to it for distribution to local bodies.

With the recovery of a large proportion of the arrears of annuities outstanding, moneys retained in the guarantee fund have been released for transfer to the local taxation account, from which there has been distributed to local bodies grants to the extent shown above.

TRESPASS IN A COAL MINE.

AN INJUNCTION AND DAMAGES.

Yesterday in the Dail Eireann (Winding Up) Court, before Mr. Commissioner Charles Wyse-Power, Mr. F. W. Price, K.C. (instructed by Mr. James Kiernan), on behalf of John Leyden and others, of Spencer Harbour, Carrick-on-Shannon, applied for a perpetual injunction to restrain Joseph McTiernan, Tullycorka; Felix McTiernan, do.; Patrick McKenna, Alisquin; Michael Gilhooly, Seltonskeagh, and John McManus, Seltonsveagh, Arigna, all in the County Leitrim, from trespassing in the mine at Tullycorka. The plaintiffs also sought damages for trespass.

Michael Leyden, one of the plaintiffs, stated that he and his brothers held the mine at Tullycorka, which is part of Arigna Mines, as lessees of part of Townsend estate. He gave evidence of the defendants having pulled out coal from the mine. Patrick and Felix McTiernan were registered owners of adjoining lands. As late as the 19th inst. the witness saw one of the McTiernans working in the mine. He asked him why he continued to trespass, and McTiernan said that he would cease doing so if he (Mr. Leyden) gave him work in one of the other mines, and he added that if he was able he would pay for the coal that he was taking. The witness calculated that, at the rate of a man mining one ton of coal per day, the plaintiffs had sustained loss to the amount of £371 14s. Patrick McKenna had worked 600 days; Felix McTiernan, 650; Michael Gilhooly, 650; J. McTiernan, 462, and John McManus 96 days—a total of 2,478 days. He put the price of coal at 2s. per ton, and, estimating the profit at 3s. per ton, he arrived at the figure £371 14s. as the damage.

Mr. Commissioner Power—Why did you not have them arrested?

Witness—Well, down there it would not be very safe to do so.

The Commissioner granted the perpetual injunction restraining the defendants from trespassing in the mine, and awarded the plaintiffs £100 damages against the defendants jointly, with £10 10s. costs. He mentioned that the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court, in which the proceedings were initiated, did not exceed £100.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE TAILTEANN GAMES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—May I, as a member of the General Purposes and Executive Committee of the *Aonac Tailteann*, be permitted to offer a few comments upon the leading article which appeared in your issue of the 26th instant? I do not for a moment believe you would desire to injure the prospects of any movement which would be calculated to benefit Dublin and the country generally, but I fear the article referred to may produce an unfavourable impression in the minds of many people, not alone in Ireland, but in other countries.

I agree that it is time Dublin should get to close quarters with the problem of accommodation for the visitors, and in this connection steps have already been taken by the Council, and the necessary information concerning accommodation and charges for same is at present in course of being collected with a view to its tabulation. A central bureau will, later on, be opened in Dublin, with branches in the surrounding districts. I venture to say the problem of providing accommodation is no more acute in Dublin than it is at present in London and that it has been in Continental and other cities on the occasion of great exhibitions and *fêtes*. Since I joined the Council some months ago I have not heard any mention of the suggestion of a city of tents in the Phœnix Park or a fleet of floating hotels on the Liffey. I fail to see any valid reason why visitors to Wembley and the international conferences in London should not be induced to come to this country and spend some money here, nor can I agree with your view that the holding of the *Aonac Tailteann*, which includes more than the Games, is likely to prove an economic loss by distracting the minds of the people from the task of reconstruction.

You ask: "Are all our surviving hotels ready to do their best for visitors?" The answer is in the affirmative. The Council have sufficient evidence on this point. You ask if a census has been taken of the number of private houses which are willing to provide accommodation. The reply to this query is that such a census has been arranged for and will be carried out forthwith. You further inquire if our railway companies are organising cheap and comfortable excursions. My reply to this is that a special committee presided over by a railway man has been doing useful work in this connection and the Council has reason to know that all the Irish railways are co-operating. The English railways and shipping companies are also assisting in this work.

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On SUNDAY, 2nd MARCH, a Special Passenger Train will leave Dublin (Broadstone) at 10.0 a.m. for Edgeworthstown, calling at Clonsilla 10.15 a.m., Maynooth 10.30 a.m., Kilcock 10.41 a.m., Enfield 10.58 a.m., Hill of Down 11.20 a.m., Killucan 11.35 a.m., Mullingar 11.51 a.m.
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ADVERTISEMENTS.
The following is the order of Advertisements in to-day's Irish Times:—
First Page. Births, Marriages, and Deaths. Shipping. Hotels. Government Notices. Horses. Lost and Found. Situations Vacant and Wanted. Medical.
Second Page. Cycles and Motor Cars. Tuitions. Schools. Specific Articles for Sale and Wanted.
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The Great
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HAROLD LLOYD
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" SAFETY LAST."
ALSO
" FORTUNE'S MASK,"
By O'HENRY.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
Pursuant to an Order of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice made in the Matter of the Estate of
WILLIAM WINSTON, late of High street, in the County of Galway, Shopkeeper, Deceased, and in a Cause " Patrick Winston (1923, No. 826), the creditors of the said William Winston, who died in or about the month of January, 1923, are, on or before the 8th day of March, 1924, to send by post (prepaid) to Messrs. Blake and Kenny, of 11 Molesworth street, in the City of Dublin, the Solicitors for the Plaintiffs, their Christian and surname, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them; or, in default thereof, they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order.
Every creditor holding any security is to produce the same before the Chancery Judge, at his Chambers, Law Courts, Dublin, on the 28th day of March, 1924, at 11 o'clock, in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.
Dated this 15th day of February, 1924.
THOS. W. ELLERKER, Chief Clerk.
BLAKE and KENNY, Solicitors for Plaintiffs, 11, Molesworth street, Dublin.

SAORSTAT EIREANN, 1923, No. 398.
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE—CHANCERY DIVISION.
The Right Hon. Mr. Justice Pim, Sitting as the Chancery Judge.
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THE COMMERCIAL AND GENERAL FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED, AND REDUCED,
and in the Matter of
THE COMPANIES (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1908.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Commercial and General Finance Company, Limited, having by Special Resolution reduced its Capital, as confirmed by an Order of the High Court of Justice in Saorstat Eireann (Chancery Division), bearing date the 21st of January, 1924, said Order and Minute, showing the present capital and shares of the Company, as fixed by the said Order, were duly registered with the Registrar of Companies, pursuant to said Order, on the 22nd day of February, 1924, as appears by the Certificate of the said Registrar dated the 22nd day of February, 1924.
Dated this 27th day of February, 1924.
MAHAFFY and CHARLES, Solicitors for the said Company, 33 Nassau street, Dublin.
To all whom it may concern.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (PROBATE).
THE PRINCIPAL REGISTRY.
In the Goods of
EDWARD ATKINSON WARREN, late of Verdun, E. Triumpho, Buenos Aires, South America, Gentleman, Deceased.
Take Notice that, on the expiration of eight days from the date hereof, we shall apply to the proper Officer of the High Court of Justice in Saorstat Eireann for a Grant of Letters of Administration of the Estate of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 16th July, 1921, at the British Hospital, Buenos Aires, aforesaid, unless a Caveat to that effect to has been duly entered within the aforesaid eight days.
Dated this 26th February, 1924.
LAMBERT and WARREN, Solicitors for Robert G. Warren, the intended Administrator of the Deceased, 9 Eustace street, Dublin.
To all persons concerned.

SIR,—Take Notice, that I JOSEPH DUNNE, of No. 7 DEAN STREET, in the City of Dublin, do intend to apply at the next General Licensing Sessions of the Peace, to be holden in and for the County of the City of Dublin, for a transfer of a 7-day License to sell Beer, Cider and Spirituous Liquors by Retail, at and in the House, No. 7 Dean street, in the Parish of Saint Luke and County of the City of Dublin.
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To the Superintendent of the " A " Division of Police.
JOSEPH DUNNE.
To the Divisional Magistrates of the City of Dublin.
The Clerk of the Peace.

W. S. BARRETT, Solicitor for Applicant, 15 South Frederick street, Dublin.

CONTRACTS.

NOTICE TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS are invited from competent Builders for proposed Structural Alterations, Additions, Repairs, Plumbing, and Extension of Drainage, Roads and Pathways at the Navan County Hospital for the County Health Board of Health.
Plans, etc., have been prepared by Charles K. Douglas, Esq., C.E., Architect and Engineer, Rathmolyon House, Enfield, and copies of same may be inspected at the Architect's Office and at the Office of the undersigned.
Bills of Quantities have been prepared by Mr. A. Edward Smith, F.S.I., Chartered Quantity Surveyor, 5 St. Andrew street, Dublin, and copies of same, with Forms of Tender, may be obtained from the Surveyor on paying a deposit of Two Guineas, which will be refunded on receipt of a bona fide Tender.
Tenders, which must be on the prescribed Form, and without any alteration in purport, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than noon on 29th March, 1924, and enclosed in a sealed envelope endorsed " Tender for, etc.," and having Builder's name thereon.
Each Tender must be accompanied by a priced detailed Bill of Quantities under separate sealed and endorsed cover.
The lowest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted.
Fe Orde,
BRIGID NI DUIBGEANNAIN, Registrar.
County Home, Trim,
11th February, 1924.

NATIONAL MATERNITY HOSPITAL, HOLLES STREET, DUBLIN.
The Governors of the National Maternity Hospital will receive Tenders up to Monday, 3rd March, for supplying the following:—
Butcher's Meat.
Bread, Flour, Oatmeal.
Milk.
Vegetables.
Groceries and Provisions.
Fish and Fowl.
Coal and Coke.
Laundry.
Window Cleaning.
Medicines and Surgical Dressings.
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Tenders are invited from competent Contractors for the proposed reconstruction of Business Premises, at Main street, Swords, Co. Dublin, for Mark Taylor, Esq.
Copies of plan and specification can be obtained from the undermentioned architect on payment of one guinea, returnable on receipt of a bona-fide Tender.
Sealed Tenders to be lodged with Mr. Taylor, Main street, Swords, not later than noon on 9th March, 1924.
The successful Contractor will be required to enter into a bond for the due performance of the Contract.
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FRANCIS P. BUSSELL, C.E., M.R.I.A.I., Architect, 7 D'Olier street, Dublin.

THE DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD is prepared to RECEIVE
TENDERS FOR 12 ARMOURED FIRE DOORS,
COMPLETE WITH HANGINGS.
All to be in compliance with Regulations and Specification of Fire Insurance Offices Committee.
Particulars can be obtained from the Port Engineer's Office, East Wall, Dublin, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Price to include free delivery at Port Works, Dublin.
Sealed Tenders, endorsed on outside, " Armoured Fire Doors," should be delivered to the Secretary, Port and Docks Office, Westmoreland street, on or before Wednesday, 12th March, 1924.
The Board does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender.
Port and Docks Office, Dublin,
27th February, 1924.

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NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

At the Dublin Commission yesterday Hannah Flynn was sentenced to death for the murder of Mrs. Margaret O'Sullivan at Cullooneymore, Killorglin, Co. Kerry, on 1st April last.—(Page 3.)

The big Canadian deer which escaped from the Dublin Zoological Gardens on Tuesday and spent the night in Phœnix Park, was re-captured yesterday morning, but died while being taken back to the Gardens.—(Page 5.)

A sworn inquiry into the administration of the Waterford County Council was opened at Dungarvan yesterday.—(Page 3.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Queen is suffering from a cold which will confine her to the house for a few days.—(Page 5.)

A Kentish farmer was awarded £25,000 damages in London yesterday.—(Page 5.)

The outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Northamptonshire is serious, and all the markets in the county have been closed. The landing of animals of any kind has been prohibited at Ayr.—(Page 5.)

ABROAD

The resignation of the United States Attorney-General is expected as the result of the oil scandals.—(Page 5.)

The Belgian Cabinet has resigned.—(Page 5.)

SPORTING.

At Plumpton yesterday Lionceau won the Sussex Hurdle Handicap.—(Page 8.)

FINANCIAL.

London Stock Markets were irregular, with little doing, and the close was dull. Some speculative counters improved.—(Page 9.)

Money was again in good supply in Lombard street, but rates kept hard. French and Belgian francs depreciated further in the exchange list.—(Page 3.)

Dublin Stock-Market was not very busy. Bank of Ireland Stock lost 3 points at 270. Guinness firm, and Home Rails fairly good.—(Page 9.)

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Belgium and France.

The Belgian Government was defeated in the Brussels Chamber yesterday by ninety-five votes to seventy-nine, and M. Theunis, the Premier, has placed his resignation in the hands of the King. Adverse votes are more common on the Continent than they are in the British Parliament; but this defeat raises the whole question of the relations between Belgium and France. About three months ago an economic convention was made between the French and the Belgian Governments to regulate the interchange of goods between the two countries. This convention, naturally, required to be ratified by the Belgian, as well as by the French Parliament, before it could come into force, and the Belgians have been debating it for the past three weeks. From the outset it was clear that the arrangement would meet with lively opposition. There is a considerable body of opinion in the Belgian Chamber which favours free trade, and it objected to the convention on the ground that it would tend to raise the cost of living in Belgium by placing taxes on articles of prime necessity to the people. Many industrialists took the view that the convention gave everything to France, and another group held that a Customs union between the two countries ought to be formed. The Government found itself in a very precarious position towards the end of the debate, and, when it decided to make the vote on the convention a vote of confidence, a Ministerial crisis became almost inevitable. The Government's defeat, of course, means the end of the convention, but it means also the beginning of a grave political situation in Belgium which, possibly, may react seriously on the country's relations with France.

In common with most of the other Allies Belgium was disappointed bitterly by the Peace Treaty, and the paucity of her resources after the war more or less forced her to commit herself heavily to France. She did not like the Ruhr adventure; yet for the good-will of M. Poincaré she gave it her blessing, and even sent troops into the occupied territory. Economically also France played the part of Belgium's big brother, and altogether has been acquiring a measure of influence in Brussels that hardly is compatible with Belgian national independence. In Belgium there are two distinct races, the Walloons and the Flemings. They have different languages, different outlooks, different traditions, and while the Walloons, who speak French, lean naturally in the direction of Paris, the Flemings lean just as naturally away from it. During the war the Germans made ineffectual efforts to undermine the loyalty of the Flemings to their own nation, and since the war French policy has been directed towards the domination of the Walloons. The proposed convention would have forged an economic bond between France and Belgium which would have been almost as effective as a Customs union, and the little country in the course of time would have tended to become more and more dependent on her big neighbour. Economic ties always are more potent than political alliances, and, perhaps, there is little reason for surprise that the Belgian Parliament rejected the Government's plan. The discovery of a new Premier to succeed M. Theunis will be a difficult task; for it is essential that nothing in the nature of an affront shall be given to France, and, consequently, neither a Socialist nor a "Flamingant" should be chosen. The Belgian people, however, have no lack of political acumen, and, now that they have asserted their independence, they may be trusted to choose a leader who will preserve it.

Local Authorities.

Mr. Asquith, "whispering he would ne'er consent, consented," on Tuesday, to overlook Mr. Wheatley's blunder, and the Liberal vote has rescued the Socialist Government from a difficult situation. Nevertheless, the problem of Poplar remains unsolved. The Guardians have been warned that they must obey the law; but there is every prospect that they will maintain—if they do not intensify—their demoralising orgy of extravagance at the cost of the hapless ratepayers. In that event how will the Government deal with them? Apart from the weapon of the surcharge, Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Wheatley seem to be powerless. It appears that in the present state of English law the most recalcitrant and most outrageous local authority can taunt the Government with a "*J'y suis, j'y reste.*" As some envious Englishmen realise, and have begun to say, we manage these things better in Ireland. Although the Imperial Parliament has left the problem untouched in England, it made provision twenty-eight years ago, under Section 15 of the Public Health Act, 1896, for cases where Irish local authorities should make default in enforcing the Public Health Acts. By that section the Local Government Board was authorised to appoint some person to perform the neglected duty. The Free State Government has re-enacted and reinforced these powers by means of Section 12 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, which enables the responsible Minister, after formal inquiry, to dissolve any local authority which has abused its functions, and to transfer them to appointed persons. The Lord Chancellor of England is horrified, indeed, at the suggestion that such measures—which he regards as "impossible and impracticable"—should be adopted in Great Britain; but Viscount Haldane's predecessor, the Earl of Birkenhead, advocates them strongly. If Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Wheatley are unwilling to follow the Irish precedent, they must find an alternative; for the canker of Poplar is a menace to the whole nation's social health.

It is quite possible that in the near future British members of Parliament will pay much attention to the development of legislative reform in the Free State. During the past fourteen months our young Government and Parliament have tackled problems of the first importance and have brought fresh minds to the fulfilment of their task. In the debate on Poplar Mr. Macdonald favoured an inquiry into the whole question of poor law reform. The Free State is confronted daily with that question in various aspects and may have reached some solutions before the present, or another, British Government is able to take the matter seriously in hand. We may believe that Mr. Wheatley will keep himself well informed about the nature and progress of the new Local Government Bill which will be introduced in *Dail Eireann* within the next few days. If this Bill satisfies our hopes, it will represent a well-considered effort to simplify the whole machinery of local administration in the Free State. It will abolish superfluous bodies and will ensure—so far as laws can ensure—economy and honesty in the conduct of local affairs. If the result is a large

£25,000 FOR A FARMER.

DETAINED AS A LUNATIC.

ESCAPE AFTER NINE YEARS.

CASE LASTS 16 DAYS AND COSTS £10,000.

£25,000 damages were awarded a Kentish farmer in the King's Bench Division, London, last evening, after a hearing that had lasted for sixteen days, against a Commissioner in Lunacy and a doctor for alleged conspiracy, by which he was wrongfully detained in the doctor's mental home.

The Attorney-General, three other K.C.'s, and five junior counsel were engaged in the case, during which fifty witnesses were called. The total costs are estimated at £16,000—the jury's fees exceeded £200 and the short-hand notes cost about £2,000.

The plaintiff was Mr. William Smart Harnett, of Newington, near Sittingbourne, Kent, and the defendants Dr. C. H. Bond, a Commissioner in Lunacy, and Dr. G. H. Adam, of West Malling, Kent.

The plaintiff's case was that in 1912 he became a private patient at the Mental Home at Malling place, under an order of a Justice of the Peace, and after a month was allowed out on probation for twenty-eight days. Two days later he called at the offices of the Control Board at Westminster to see a Commissioner, and he alleged that the defendants wrongfully conspired to detain him there and have him taken back to Malling place. He was kept in various asylums for nearly nine years, when he escaped, and after consulting medical specialists was certified sane.

The defendants denied the alleged conspiracy, and said that the acts done were justified by plaintiff's mental condition. The judge put a number of questions to the jury, which were answered as follows:—

1. Did Mr. Bond cause the plaintiff to be detained in the office till the attendants came for him?—Yes.

2. Did he cause him to be sent back for the purpose only of his being examined by Dr. Adam, or for the purpose of being detained at Malling place?—For being detained at Malling place.

3. Did Dr. Bond cause the plaintiff to be taken back, or did he and Dr. Adam agree after consultation that he should be sent for and taken back, or was the taking back entirely the work of Dr. Adam?—Dr. Bond caused the plaintiff to be taken back.

4. Was the plaintiff of unsound mind on December 14th? Was he fit to be at large? was he dangerous to himself or others?—The plaintiff was not of unsound mind. He was fit to be at large. He was not dangerous.

5. Did Dr. Bond honestly believe that the plaintiff was of unsound mind; not fit to be at large; dangerous to himself or others?—No.

6. Did he believe that the plaintiff had escaped from his brother's charge, and, if so, was that his reason for doing what he did?—Yes.

7. Did he take reasonable care to ascertain the true facts?—No.

8. Did he honestly believe that Dr. Adam had retained the power to take the patient back during the twenty-eight days of leave of absence?—Yes.

9. Did Dr. Adam, when he received the telephone message and sent the car, honestly believe that the plaintiff, on December 14th, was of unsound mind, and unfit to be at large?—Yes.

10. Did he believe that it was to his interest that he should be taken back to Malling place?—Yes.

11. Did he take reasonable care in doing what he did?—No.

12. Did he make it known to the plaintiff that he was liable to be taken if his mental condition warranted it?—No.

13. Was the detention of the plaintiff at the Commissioners' Office the act of Dr. Bond alone, or was it really the act of both defendants?—Dr. Bond.

His Lordship then asked the jury to assess damages and to treat the matter as a joint claim against both defendants. The jury considered the question for an hour and awarded the plaintiff £25,000.

After consulting counsel, His Lordship said that he had been asked to request the jury to apportion the damages between the two defendants.

This they did as follows:—Against Dr. Bond, £17,500; against Dr. Adam, £7,500.

Excusing the jury from further service for eight years, Mr. Justice Lush said that no one could have heard the evidence without having some misgiving as to the sufficiency of the steps that were taken to prevent persons from being detained in lunatic asylums when they ought not to be detained there. What they had heard was somewhat disquieting. Unless the case was classified as urgent and dangerous it was well worth considering whether, in the case of a man like Mr. Harnett, when independent medical evidence could be obtained, some sort of judicial inquiry could not be held to settle the question, because it was a very serious question.

The case was adjourned for legal argument to-day.

DAMAGES RECORDS.

Other heavy damages awarded in the British Courts are:—

£10,000.—Three parties awarded this sum between 1796 and 1804.

£10,000.—Lord Byron v. Pope, in 1778, for malicious prosecution.

£12,000.—Mrs. Kitson, against Dr. Playfair, for libel and slander, in 1896.

£25,000.—Constantinidi divorce case.

£10,000.—To Miss Finney (Miss Fortescue, the actress in Gilbert and Sullivan's operas) for breach of promise, in 1884. The defendant was Viscount Garmoyle.

£10,000.—In 1890, to Miss Gladys Knowles against Mr. Leslie Duncan, proprietor of the *Matrimonial News*. Breach of promise.

£10,000.—In 1903, to Mrs. Helen Turner, against Mr. R. Gladstone, a wine merchant. Breach of promise.

£10,000.—To Miss Daisy Markham, in 1913, from the Marquis of Northampton, for breach of promise.

HEAVY FALL OF SNOW IN LONDON.

TRAFFIC SERIOUSLY IMPEDED.

London and the South-Eastern area of England were swept last night by a heavy snowstorm, after a day in which spells of bright sunshine had failed to break the intense cold. Shortly after 8 o'clock the first flakes fell, and within half-an-hour streets and roof-tops were covered with a fleecy blanket. The streets were crowded at the time with pedestrians and theatre-going traffic, but they rapidly emptied.

Two Royal mail vans, drawn by pairs of horses, were unable to negotiate Fleet street, as the horses could not gain a footing on the slippery surface. 'Bus and tram services were greatly interrupted, and in the Queen's road, Watford, and Harrow district, where the fall was heaviest, there was an almost complete suspension of traffic.

The storm continued for over two hours.

MR JUSTICE THORNHILL.

HONOUR FOR IRISH COUNSEL.

"Capital," the leading Indian financial review, dated 7th inst., contains the following:—

"The elevation of Dr. Thomas Thornhill to the Bench of the Calcutta High Court is a tardy recognition of the worth and value of a jurist who brings to the interpretation and dispensation of the law an intimate knowledge of human nature and a quick appreciation of the commonsense of a dispute. Like most Irishmen in the public service in India, he is genial and sympathetic with a fine gift for friendship. *Slan leat!*"

Dr. Thornhill is a member of the Irish Bar, to which he was called in Trinity Term, 1894, and is well-known and esteemed in Dublin.

LUDENDORFF TRIAL.

PROPOSED MARCH ON BERLIN.

DR. WEBER'S EVIDENCE.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
MUNICH, Wednesday.

It is evident from to-day's proceedings in the Hitler-Ludendorff high treason trial that revelations of a sensational character are to be withheld from the public sittings. Every effort is being made to reserve for a secret session the conclusive evidence concerning the part played by Dr. von Kahr (then Bavarian Dictator) and General von Lossow (Military Dictator at the time) in the *putsch* in Munich last year to overthrow the German Government and to march on Berlin.

Sufficient transpired to-day, however, to throw interesting light on the subject.

This morning's session was notable for a scene caused by a reference to Ludendorff.

When the hearing was resumed, Dr. Weber, one of the accused (leader of the Oberland Corps of Irregulars) explained that his organisation was pledged to work for the destruction of the Versailles Treaty. He declared that at a meeting of military and irregular leaders, summoned by General von Lossow two days before the *putsch*, he gained the impression that von Lossow was whole-heartedly in favour of a march against Berlin. Dr. Weber attempted to elaborate the contention of the defence, which is that before the *putsch* the Bavarian leaders, including von Kahr and von Lossow, had made up their minds to march on Berlin at the first opportunity. Objections were raised to the taking of evidence of this kind in public, and Dr. Weber consented to make his statement at a secret sitting.

Later, when the prosecution pressed for details regarding a gun which is stated to have been trained on Munich, protests were raised, and this evidence was also suppressed. By this time there was intense excitement in the Court. The culminating point was reached when the prosecution referred to the proposed march on Berlin.

Asked if it were not a fact that Ludendorff's influence over the Reichswehr in North Germany did not count for much, Dr. Weber replied that he was under the impression that the contrary was the case. The influence of the greatest Generals of the war over the German forces, he added, is still as great as ever.

One of the counsel for the defence rose and shook his finger, exclaiming, with great heat, that the prosecution's question was an impertinence and a gross libel on a distinguished German officer. This statement was greeted by shouts of "Bravo" and loud manifestations of sympathy for Ludendorff.

The judge explained that the Court must not be considered a theatre.

Dr. Pohner, who was declared Prime Minister of the Hitler Government, made a statement to the effect that von Kahr told him that the revolt was premature, that they should have waited another seven or eight days, until arrangements had been made with the gentlemen of Northern Germany. Von Kahr also said that he was a Monarchist, and could do nothing without the permission of the King, by whom he meant the Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria.

It was decided to take further evidence of this kind *in camera*, and the Court adjourned until to-morrow.

LABOUR AND THE NATION.

FOLLY OF CONTINUING CLASS STRUGGLE.

The practical question now confronting Labour was whether it should continue detached from the economic organisation of the country and frankly antagonistic to all other interests, or take its stand as an integral part of the commonwealth, prepared to shoulder its share of the public burdens and contribute to the solution of the social problem, in the hope that it would be able to take its equitable position in society.

So said the Very Rev. John Kelleher, D.D., of Waterford, in the course of a lecture on "Labour's Place in the Nation," delivered under the auspices of the Ard-Chumann of Cumann na nGaedheal in Dublin last night.

Notwithstanding that Ireland was a Christian country, said the lecturer, the rights of the propertyless were not adequately vindicated. Somewhere and somehow the workers had been defrauded.

Farmers, teachers and Labour men demanded that the nation should attend to their particular grievances, but, as classes, they were not always prepared to consider the nation's difficulties and subordinate their claims to the common weal.

Labouring men, disinherited in their own land, had come to regard themselves as a class apart from the organised community, and had organised as a class outside the commonwealth. Perhaps, however, the time had come when Labour would be well advised to modify this attitude. By persisting in a class struggle it repudiated its social solidarity and made a professed appeal to might.

If Labour persisted in conducting its movement on rigid class lines, it could not hope to maintain even such qualified success as had attended it hitherto. This would intensify the existing hardships of life for all. Why, asked the lecturer, should the honest working man be asked to sacrifice himself in a class struggle to form a solidarity with all the culpable and incompetent elements in the nation?

As long as labour was obsessed by the idea of a proletarian solidarity, it would be like a residuary legatee in the nation, receiving all who could find no place in any other class. There remained only to the workers the alternative of taking their stand on their position within the community. Labour had proved its power and its right, and thinking people were ready to welcome any promising suggestion towards a peaceful solution of the labour problem.

Councillor P. J. McIntyre presided, and a cordial vote of thanks was conveyed to the lecturer, on the motion of Mr. James Hughes, seconded by Mr. D. O'Sullivan.

ARTS AND CRAFTS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF IRISH SOCIETY.

The Earl of Mayo presided yesterday at the annual general meeting of the Arts and Crafts Society of Ireland and Guild of Irish Art Workers, which was held in the Metropolitan School of Art, Dublin.

It was stated in the report that the Council had accepted an invitation to co-operate in organising an art exhibition and competition in connection with the Tailteann Games. Miss Gleeson, Sir John O'Connell, Messrs. Thomas Bodkin and P. Oswald Reeves, A.R.C.A., and the Honorary Secretary (Mr. John R. Clark) had been appointed to act as the Society's representatives on the Aonach Tailteann Sub-Committee (Arts Section), under the chairmanship of Mr. George Atkinson, R.H.A., A.R.C.A., who was a member of the Society. The Council hoped that the members of the Guild would be well represented on the occasion.

At the annual meeting of the Guild Miss Fitzharris was elected representative of the Guild, in place of Miss K. Quigley, resigned; and Miss Gleeson was re-elected Master of the Guild.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The President and other officers were re-elected, and after discussion on various matters the meeting terminated.

ACTORS DEMAND HIGHER SALARIES.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Wednesday.

Owing to the high cost of living the junior members of the Comédie Française have sent a "round robin" to the General Secretary requesting a further advance in salaries, as the recent 25 per cent. increase was insufficient in view of the rising prices.

VISCOUNT'S 5/- WAGER.

CAN DOGS THAT WORRY SHEEP BE SHOT?

A 5s. bet between Lord Charlemont and Sir Robert Kennedy, as to whether or not it is illegal to shoot a dog worrying sheep was made at a meeting of the Ulster Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Belfast yesterday.

Complaining of the havoc wrought by unwanted dogs roaming the country, Lord Charlemont mentioned that he had two sheep killed last week by dogs.

Sir Robert Kennedy—I had thirteen!

Alluding to how difficult it was to deal with these dogs, Lord Charlemont said he believed that if one shot a dog in the act of worrying sheep it was an illegal act.

Sir Robert Kennedy—You can shoot the dog.

I am informed on the best authority if the dog is in pursuit of game or worrying sheep you undoubtedly can shoot him.

Lord Charlemont—I am very sorry; I don't believe it is a fact. (Laughter.) Five shillings on it between you and me, the money to go to the society, whether or not it is illegal.

Sir Robert Kennedy nodded assent to the wager.

The Marquis of Dufferin—I think this betting is very immoral. (Laughter.)

Lord Charlemont—I think we shall probably have to pay five guineas for a counsel to decide this doubtful point.

As a remedy for the evil his lordship suggested that the dog licence duty should be increased, and that police ought to have power to destroy unwanted and unclaimed dogs after a certain period.

Lord Charlemont then drew attention to the miserable appearance and condition of draught horses in Belfast. Draught horses elsewhere were usually magnificent animals, but in Belfast they might quite easily be mistaken for mules or dogs. They were mere frameworks of bone covered with skin. If not for the sake of the animals, then for the sake of the good name of the city, it was time that something were done to remedy the existing state of affairs.

The cruelty to which cattle were subjected during transport was mentioned by the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, who declared that if people could only be made to realise the dreadful conditions under which cattle were shipped this type of cruelty would be rapidly stamped out.

In the course of the discussion the suggestion was made that the humane killer should be adopted by butchers at the Belfast abattoir.

CORPORATION SALARIES.

PROPOSED RE-GRADING SCHEME IN DUBLIN.

The Dublin Municipal Council will meet on March 3 to consider reports on the proposed re-organisation and re-grading of officials and clerks in the employment of the Corporation.

Regarding promotions affecting the clerical staff of the City Engineer's Department, the Finance Committee states that the Minister for Local Government had considered that a staff of twenty-one was excessive, and stipulated that as vacancies arose in the ranks the places should not be filled. He now agreed that considerable progress in re-organisation had been made, but on most points raised he still declined to alter his previous decision.

Concerning officials whose war bonus is to be reduced by 25 per cent. to the Civil Service scale, on the 1st of April next, the Finance Committee recommends acceptance of a re-grading scheme which, while allowing for an increase in the salaries of 191 men, would result in a saving, as compared with 1923-24, of £1,502. The reduction in war bonus will amount to £4,050. In the case of the higher-paid officials—staff officers and executive officers—whose salaries range from £500 to £750 and £250 to £400 per annum, there is no recommendation to change the salary scales.

The Local Government Officials' (Ireland) Trade Union recently demanded that if the war bonus payable to the officers of the Dublin Corporation is to be on the same basis as that payable to those of the Free State Civil Service, the salaries payable should be on the same basis." A sub-committee of the Corporation, while satisfied that the standard of education required to pass the Corporation standard clerks' examination was quite equal to that for the examination under the British Civil Service for Second Division clerks, held that the officers' claim could not be substantiated. To apply the Civil Service scale to the Corporation's officials would involve payments of about £2,000 in excess of the present cost.

The Finance Committee states that the adoption of the proposed re-grading scheme would gradually lead to a reduction in the number of the higher-paid clerical staff, and that the present anomalous position, whereby clerks ranking as first-class officers in receipt of the maximum salary of the class are discharging ordinary clerical duties, will in the course of time disappear.

It recommends the formation of an appeal board, composed of members of the Corporation and the Officials' Trade Union, to deal with difficulties which may arise in connection with the grading of classes of officials or individual officials under the new scheme.

POLITICAL NOTES.

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

The rejection by the Dail yesterday of several amendments to bills made by the Senate revives the Constitutional crisis. The next move is with the Upper House, which meets on Wednesday next. In all probability, the differences of opinion between the two Houses will be arranged without the requisition of the machinery provided by the Constitution for such emergencies.

The Minister for Local Government, after consultation with the President of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland, has issued an Order authorising an increase of 50 per cent. in the fees and costs prescribed by Rule 52 of the Labourers' Order, 1912, as substituted by the Labourers' Order, 1914. He has appointed Mr. Michael Dawson, solicitor, Dublin, as taxing officer for the purposes of the rule.

A statement in a Dublin newspaper on the subject of passports may mislead persons wishing to visit Continental countries. It is not a fact that Great Britain has come to an understanding with Continental Governments "to obviate the necessity of having passports." From Saturday next the system of visas will come to an end, as far as most European countries are concerned, but the passports will still be as necessary as before the war.

The Housing Bill will reach the Report stage in the Dail this afternoon, and as the amendments tabled are, for the most part, formal, the measure will probably be passed by consent.

NEW AIR SERVICE.

COPENHAGEN TO LONDON AND AN EXTENSION TO LIVERPOOL.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
COPENHAGEN, Wednesday.

A new passenger aero service between Copenhagen and London is being planned by a Danish company. There will be two aeroplanes a day, *via* Rotterdam and *via* Hamburg. The entire journey will be completed in twelve hours. It is intended later to extend the service by connecting aeroplanes from London to Liverpool and Southampton, thus speeding up very greatly the Danish-American traffic. The company behind the new scheme operated the Copenhagen-Hamburg service last summer without accident.

NO INCREASED PRICE OF PETROL.

A leading distributor of petrol, in an interview in London yesterday, said—"Rumours of an early advance in the price of petrol are without foundation. There is nothing in the present market conditions to justify any advance of present prices."

ESCAPED DUBLIN STAG.

DEATH FOLLOWS NIGHT OF FREEDOM.

LOSS TO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The big Wapiti stag which escaped from the Zoological Gardens, Dublin, on Tuesday afternoon is dead. Having spent a lonely night on a little island in a pond near the Castleknock gates, the stag dashed away at the approach of keepers early yesterday morning, and while being pursued fell, apparently exhausted, and died on the way to the Gardens.

The stag, which was a magnificent specimen of the Wapiti deer, only reached the Gardens on Tuesday morning, having travelled in a large wooden crate from St. John's, New Brunswick. When liberated in the deer enclosure it jumped an eight-feet high railing, ran through the grounds, cleared the outer fence, and dashed across Phœnix Park. The keepers pursued it during the afternoon, and at nightfall it was seen to have taken possession of the little island in the lake.

Yesterday at daybreak keepers approached the lake, and the stag, becoming frightened, plunged into the water and went off in the direction of Island Bridge.

Approaching the Magazine Fort he jumped over the barbed wire fence surrounding it; but after a short time in the grounds it sought greater freedom, and, having again cleared the wire, ran down the hill on which the fort stands.

It had scarcely reached the bottom when it was seen to stagger and fall exhausted. One of the soldiers from the fort went to where he lay and remained until the keepers arrived and tied the animal's legs. It was then carted off to an enclosure in the Gardens which had been specially prepared for it. Here it was found that the stag was dead. The Wapiti is a very nervous and shy animal, and apparently the excitement of the prolonged chase after its escape had proved too much for it.

When seen yesterday by a representative of the *Irish Times*, Dr. Ferrar, Superintendent of the Gardens, admitted that the animal was captured alive.

Asked how it was going on, he replied, "That is another story."

The death of this Wapiti is a loss to the "Zoo," but another deer of the same species which arrived with it is doing well. The fence surrounding the new arrival's quarters has been increased in height.

All the animals which came from Western Canada on Tuesday with the deer are in quarantine in the Gardens, and will not be on view for at least six weeks.

MR. MACDONALD AND EGYPT.

NO CAUSE FOR PROTEST.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
CAIRO, Wednesday.

Egyptian students who endeavoured this morning to obtain from Zaghlul Pasha a protest against Mr. Ramsay Macdonald's statement on Egypt in the House of Commons, received a rebuff.

Addressing the demonstrators, Zaghlul requested them to return to work, stating that he was perfectly aware of his responsibilities. He said that had there been anything in Mr. Macdonald's declaration which necessitated a protest he would not have failed to protest, but there was no reason to protest against declarations which did not bind Egypt. The British Premier was just as free as he—Zaghlul—was to make what statements he liked.

WIRELESS NEWS SERVICES.

THE WORKING OF LEAFIELD STATION.

It is understood that one of the recommendations of the Imperial Wireless Telegraphy Committee is that the Leafield Station, which was originally designed in 1913, should be greatly increased in its capacity and thoroughly modernised. Mr. Robert Donald, the Chairman, made inquiries into the record of the station, which, operated by the Post Office, is the English end of the interrupted Empire chain and communicates eastward with a Station near Cairo, from which messages are transmitted to receiving stations in Palestine, Mesopotamia and India. Leafield is not powerful enough to send messages with regularity or certainty East, but it carries on a successful Transatlantic service to Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Halifax Station was built by the *Chicago Tribune*, which distributes a news service to a number of leading American newspapers and news agencies.

Mr. John St. Steele, the London Correspondent of the *Chicago Tribune*, who has had sixteen years' experience of cabling from Europe, in a letter to the Chairman of the Wireless Committee regarding the Leafield wireless service to America, said:—I should like to have you to understand that, so far as speed, accuracy and reliability are concerned, we have any service to equal that from either cable or wireless companies. By arrangement with the Post Office, a group of ten American newspapers and newspapers' associations have the privilege of sending through Leafield during certain periods every afternoon and evening, and their average combined file is now about 12,000 words a night. This material is picked up by our own station at Halifax and relayed from there to Chicago and New York. The service is also cheaper than cables, the rate being 2½ to Halifax. In addition to this, there is, of course, a small landing charge to cover the expense of the receiving station and a small charge on the land wire service from Halifax to destination. We are now constructing a low-power wireless station at Halifax for delivering our material to New York and Chicago independently of the land wires. I believe that this activity of the Post Office could be largely developed if the excellency of the service were more widely known.

Mr. Pearson, the New York representative, who is in charge of the services in New York, says:—The manipulation and service by the *personnel* is the finest in the world. Halifax is somewhat handicapped occasionally by insufficient land wire capacity to New York. The service will be more satisfactory when Halifax completes its improvements now being made, and still better when Leafield increases its signal strength.

LORD APSLEY'S MARRIAGE.

ATTENDED BY ROYALTY.

The Princess Royal attended the wedding of Lord Apsley, M.P., son and heir of Earl Bathurst, and Miss Viola Meeking at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, yesterday afternoon. The Princess was accompanied by her daughter, Lady Maude Carnegie, and Lord Carnegie. The band of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars, the bridegroom's former regiment, accompanied part of the Service, and played the regimental march as the couple left the church. There were eight bridesmaids, the four elder girls including Lady Doreen Hely-Hutchinson, only daughter of the Earl and Countess of Donoughmore, and the Hon. Olive Campbell daughter of Lord and Lady Blythswood. Viscount Gage was best man.

CARR'S WOOD MURDER: DEATH SENTENCE.

At Manchester Assizes yesterday, Francis Booker was found guilty of murdering the boy, Percy Sharpe, in Carr's Wood, and was sentenced to death. He heard his sentence unmoved, and with a smile on his face. He then turned on his heels and disappeared below.

DANISH COMPANY'S BIG PROFITS.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
COPENHAGEN, Wednesday.

The Danish East Asiatic Company has declared a profit for the past year of 23 million kroners. 14 per cent. dividend is being paid.

BELGIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

TRADE AGREEMENT CRISIS.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
BRUSSELS, Wednesday.

The Government was defeated in the Chamber to-day by 95 votes to 79 on the proposed Franco-Belgian trade agreement.

M. Theunis at once announced the resignation of the Cabinet, leaving the Chamber to convey his decision to the King. He was loudly cheered by the Liberals and the majority of the Right as he left.

In political circles the defeat of the Government at the present juncture is regarded as serious, and the situation causes anxiety.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

TWENTY-TWO CASES IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

There are now 22 cases of foot-and-mouth disease in Northamptonshire, five new cases, all within a few miles of Northampton, having been confirmed yesterday morning, while two new "suspects" have been reported.

All markets in the county are closed, and butchers are having to make their purchases on the farms and remove the animals under licence to their premises, where they are immediately killed.

AYR LANDING PLACE CLOSED.

The Department have been officially informed that the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, London, made an Order on the 26th instant prohibiting the landing of all animals at the landing place at Ayr.

A WANDERING DEER.

A fine of £5 and five guineas costs were imposed on the Earl of Aylesford at Coleshill Police Court yesterday for allowing a deer to stray out of Packington Park, contrary to the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Order.

Lady Aylesford appeared, and set up the defence that the deer did not belong to her husband. She gave notice of appeal.

IRELAND'S CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH.

STATEMENT IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

During the course of the Diseases of Animals Bill in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. W. Smith said that the question as to whether the disease came from Ireland was one that had been closely investigated on many occasions. The Committee that investigated the outbreak in 1922 were forced to the conclusion that they could not find any evidence to justify the assumption that the disease was brought from Ireland. The officials of the Ministry responsible had tested and examined all the facts at their disposal, and if the slightest suspicion existed the ports were at once closed in order that the country might not be subject to any danger in that regard.

Viscount Wolmer pleaded for increased compensation for dairy farmers whose animals had to be slaughtered.

The bill was read a third time.

ITALY UNEASY.

BRITISH MEDITERRANEAN MOVE RESENTED.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
ROME, Wednesday.

Anglo-Italian relations are being much discussed just now in the Rome newspapers. There is pronounced uneasiness over the statements made on behalf of the British Labour Government regarding Jubaland and the Dodecannese, and the concentration of Britain's most powerful Fleet in the Mediterranean is somewhat bitterly criticised.

The *Corriere Italiano*, a Fascist organ, says:—"The pronouncements established by the Washington Treaty is violated by the Assembly, in a single sea, of battleships previously maintained elsewhere. No wonder if Paris and Rome are pre-occupied."

The newspaper asks whether Mr. Ramsay Macdonald wishes to confront Italian Fascism with British Labour, and remarks that the Italian people will not permit foreign judgments on their own Government.

RE-OPENING THE TOMB.

PROPOSED CONFERENCE WITH LORD ALLENBY.

LUXOR, Wednesday.

Preparations are now practically complete for the re-opening of the tomb of Tut-Ankh-Amen, and visitors will be allowed by the Egyptian Government to view, during a period of ten days, the great granite sarcophagus, within which lies the gold-covered coffin, shaped like the body of Pharaoh, which is inside.

It is expected that the tomb will be officially opened on March 1 in the presence of the Prime Minister, members of the Cabinet, and representatives of the Diplomatic Corps, who will come by special train from Cairo on Friday night.

Professors Charles Breasted and Percy Newberry, the eminent American and English archæologists, who are both members of Mr. Carter's staff, left Luxor to-day for Cairo. They said that they would have a conference with General Allenby, and would try to adjust the differences between Mr. Carter and the Government before leaving Egypt on March 3.

SPECULATION IN COTTON.

LORD PEMBROKE'S LOSSES.

Application was made at the Bankruptcy Court, London, yesterday, for the discharge of Robert Francis Lee Dillon Fitzgibbon, described as a member of a well-known club in James's street, London, S.W.

The debtor was adjudged bankrupt, with ranking liabilities £10,444 and assets which had realised £194. A first and final dividend of 2d. in the £ was anticipated. During the war he became acquainted with Lord Pembroke, who sustained heavy losses in cotton speculation with the firm in Paris, to which the debtor introduced him. The debtor and Lord Pembroke signed a deed of partnership. An adverse balance of £65,000 was made, and Lord Pembroke was forced to borrow. In 1921 a deed of dissolution was executed, and it then appeared that Lord Pembroke had provided £153,630 in cash, while there were still obligations to meet amounting to £15,860, as against assets £7,333. The debtor was indebted to Lord Pembroke in the sum of £63,373. The debtor, however, had not scheduled Lord Pembroke as a creditor.

The Official Receiver was of the opinion that the debtor, so far as his partnership with Lord Pembroke was concerned, was an adventurer of no substance, posing as an expert, and exploiting him for his own purpose.

Mr. E. W. Hansell, representing the debtor, said that Lord Pembroke's solicitors had written that it was not intended to make any claim. All debts scheduled were, he added, non-business debts, more than half being owed to the debtor's family. Claims to £9,333 would be withdrawn to enable the remaining creditors to receive a further 5s. in the £.

An immediate discharge was agreed to, subject to judgment for such a sum as would enable that dividend to be paid.

GAELIC REVIVAL IN COUNTY WATERFORD.

At the meeting of the Waterford County Council at Dungarvan on Tuesday it was decided by 13 votes to 3 to continue the levying of a rate of a penny in the pound for the teaching of the Irish language.

OIL SCANDAL.

U.S. ATTORNEY-GENERAL TO RESIGN.

MIDNIGHT CONFERENCE AT WHITE HOUSE.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
WASHINGTON, Wednesday.

The United States Attorney-General, Mr. Daugherty, will be forced to resign from the Cabinet within the next two days, unless he resigns voluntarily. This became known after a final midnight conference between President Coolidge, Mr. Frank W. Stearns, the President's confidential adviser; Mr. William M. Butler, his campaign manager, and Mr. C. Bascomb Slemp, his private secretary, following an exhaustive consideration of the recent revelations and developments in the oil leases scandal.

It is understood that the President told Mr. Daugherty earlier in the day that the public had lost confidence in his administration, and he desired his resignation, not only as Attorney-General, but as the delegate at large to the Republican National Convention at Ohio.

It is understood that the President will permit Mr. Daugherty to remain long enough to make his defence before the Senate Committee.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.

After conferring again with President Coolidge, Mr. Daugherty left Washington this afternoon on the train for the West.

It is believed that he may offer to retire into private life when the Senate has completed its investigation into his official accounts.—(Reuter.)

EVIDENCE FROM TELEGRAMS.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.

A new sensation was provided at this morning's session of the Senate Oil Committee, which is dealing with the Teapot Dome case, when telegrams sent to Mr. Edward McLean, the publisher of the *Washington Post*; Mr. Fall, the ex-Secretary of the Interior; and others at Palm Beach, Florida, relating to the inquiry, were added to the evidence.

The first telegram to Mr. McLean suggested a leased wire from the office of the *Washington Post* to McLean's cottage, in Florida, so that the publisher could have "easy and quick access to the White House." The message added that Mr. Bascom Clemp, secretary to President Coolidge, would be in Florida shortly.

Another message to Mr. McLean said that Mr. John Major, one of Mr. McLean's employés, had had a talk with Mr. Smithers, the chief telegraphist at the White House.

According to another message, Mr. Fred Starek, the editor of the War Finance Corporation, was anxious to get in touch with Mr. McLean on an important matter.

Another message from the White House, signed "E. W. Starling," and addressed to Mr. McLean, said that Mr. Starling had wired to Mr. Wilkins at Hopkinsville, Kentucky: "Mr. Starling is on the White House secret service staff."

On January 22 Mr. Major wired to Mr. McLean that Mr. Mitchell Palmer, the former Attorney-General and counsel for Mr. McLean, had gained the impression from Senator Walsh that Mr. McLean would not be called before the Committee. This message added that "other people are working on Walsh."

Further telegrams from Mr. Major to Mr. McLean mention talks with "the Secretary" at a Washington hotel, when the latter declared that Mr. McLean would not be called before the Committee, and that the entire matter would be closed after Mr. Sinclair had given evidence.

A telegram signed by Mr. Mitchell Palmer declared that the sender had seen Senator Walsh, but that the latter "refused to commit himself."

The Committee adjourned.

"GALWAY RESOLUTION."

STATEMENT BY MR. NICHOLLS.

The history of what is called "the Galway resolution" was told last night by Mr. George Nicholls, a member of Dail Eireann, at a meeting in Killiney, in support of the candidature of Sean O'Connor, for the vacant seat in County Dublin.

Mr. Nicholls said that he was chairman of the Galway County Council, which was alleged to have passed the resolution, and at the time he was in Kilmainham. The resolution was not passed by the Council, because every man on it would be there to vote "Nil," but by a column, or on the run. It was passed by four men. It took eight members of the Council to form a quorum, so that on that occasion there was no meeting of the Council when these four men got together and passed a resolution saying that the time for a truce had come and that there had been enough of bloodshed.

Another thing that spoilt them at that time was the letter written by Father O'Flanagan to Lloyd George. Father O'Flanagan was now in America and boiling for a fight, but if ever a man had the "windup" properly during the fighting it was Father O'Flanagan during the Black and Tan *régime*. Father O'Flanagan put up the white flag, but the Galway County Council did not.

What did the Government party stand for? continued Mr. Nicholls. They believed, he said, that they had got a magnificent Treaty, which had brought them 99 per cent. of the right to Irish freedom. They believed further, that only for the campaign that was entered upon by their opponents they would have got the other one per cent. inside of five years from the time that the Treaty was signed. They had now got to put up a constructive programme, and that was what the present Government had done. They had been told to back the Labour Government in England, but that Government was simply living on the suffrages of the Unionist and Liberal parties, and could be turned out if they combined against it. What was the message of the Labour Government to India? It was that India was to carry on as it was. The Labour Government held out no more hope to oppressed Indians than the Unionists and Liberals had before them, and that was the message of the present British Prime Minister.

Mr. Nicholls said, in reply to a question from the crowd, that De Valera, long before the Treaty came into being, met Sir James Craig and told him that he would not coerce Ulster. De Valera entered into a certain agreement with Sir James Craig in the very terms that were now in the Treaty. The Boundary question was tied up with promises that De Valera gave to Sir James Craig. There would be no necessity for any Boundary Commission if the people who went against the majority of the Irish nation had abided as they had promised to do, by the decision of the majority of the Dail.

Mr. Baid O'Connor, the candidate, said that most of the spade work which led to the Treaty was done by Sean M'Dermott. They had often spoken of Irish freedom, and wondered what in such an event would be the attitude of the Unionists, and Sean M'Dermott said that when Ireland was free the Unionists who then looked to England would be Ireland's best citizens. And Sean M'Dermott was right. They were good citizens to-day in Ireland. He was Chairman of Pembroke Urban Council, on which there were three Unionists, and more able or better men were not on the Council. They were keen business men, with a proper sense of citizenship, especially since the Treaty came. The Government had put a programme before the people, and if they agreed with that programme it was their duty to vote for the Government candidate.

The same speakers also addressed a meeting at Ballybrack.

DUBLIN UNION.

OUTDOOR RELIEF TO BE GIVEN IN KIND.

At yesterday's meeting of the Dublin Union Commissioners, Mr. J. P. Condon, Clerk, reported lodgments of £20,000 by the Dublin Corporation and £10,000 by the Dublin County Council, which left a balance at the bank to the credit of the Union of £7,726 13s. 7d.

The Clerk mentioned that the Dublin Food Supply Depôt would endeavour to supply food to persons on outdoor relief, and the Commissioners ordered that relief be given in kind; check forms to be issued by the Relieving Officers to the most convenient food depôts.

Pensioners were obliged to give their names and business before being admitted to the meeting. This precaution was unofficially attributed to the activities of the unemployed.

FARMING AT A LOSS.

SERIOUS CONDITION OF THE INDUSTRY.

At the annual meeting in Derry yesterday of the North-West of Ireland Agricultural Society, the President, Dr. William Rankin, said that the causes which gave rise to lean years in agriculture were again with them, only in a more exaggerated form and calculated to continue longer. After a depression farming had always been the first of the industries to recover, and at present they could only fervently hope that history would soon repeat itself. Notwithstanding that agriculture, in the first instance, made it possible for industries to flourish, the town dwellers and those engaged in industrial pursuits remained either indifferent to or ignorant of the fact that farming was almost on the verge of collapse.

That farming was, in the great majority of cases, being carried on at a loss was not the concern of the farmers only, but of the whole community. It could not be expected that the farmer would tolerate for long the present non-economic position, and, if necessary, he would allow his land to revert to grass and do with less labour, and so add more to the great army of unemployed.

Concerning Government aid, he said that there was little use in trying to bolster up the agricultural industry with anything that could be described as a sop, and any hope based on that was bound eventually to be disappointed. It was foolish to depend on Government aid of that sort, and selfish to expect it. Rather was it necessary to endeavour to remove the many handicaps from which agriculture suffered, whether in the way of high rates or excessive transport charges or middlemen's profits, than to place farmers under the stigma of receiving a dole.

The future of farming in this country depended on their adopting more intensive and uniform methods, giving every attention to side lines, and instituting a system of collective buying and selling where feasible.

TO-DAY'S LONDON PAPERS.

THE CONTINENTAL SITUATION.

FRANCE'S AIMS.

The Times, in a leading article on France and her aims, says:—Mr. Henderson's unfortunate excursion into foreign affairs involved the Government in a

and the prosperity of the country for that of the railways. Therefore, if in the coming year we can only get labour to be content with their fair share, I think better times are in sight for us all."

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.

Referring to the malicious destruction of the company's property, which started on June 28th, 1922, and continued until April 30th, 1923, the Chairman said that the most serious injury to the company's system was the destruction of bridges carrying the cross-way over roads or rivers. This compelled the company to close certain lines to traffic. At the end of 1923, however, the whole of the line was carrying traffic in the usual way, with the exception of Mallow Viaduct and Ballyvoyle Viaduct, the repair of which had not yet been completed. On the 4th of February of this year the Mallow Viaduct was sufficiently restored to permit of double lines being worked, and the only break in the system now was Ballyvoyle Viaduct.

Mentioning that the Chief Engineer's Department showed a net decrease in expenditure of £166,729, the Chairman went on to say that since the termination of the year 1923 the Government forces had been able to vacate the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney, and that the Board expected to be able to open it, refurnished and repainted, together with the hotels at Parknasilla and Cavagh Lake, at the beginning of June. They hoped to have them all full again at Whitsuntide, the freshest and most charming season of the year in Kerry, and thus to do their share in providing accommodation in the South of Ireland for the tourists whom they hoped to welcome in the coming summer. As an additional facility, they were establishing a tourist motor service between Glengarriff, Killarney and Parknasilla.

With the idea of inducing some of the numerous visitors attending the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley in April to visit Ireland, the Board, in conjunction with the Midland Great Western Company, had arranged an attractive exhibit there, and a depôt for the distribution of literature relating to the attractions which the South and West of Ireland offered to tourists.

LOCOMOTIVE DEPARTMENT.

The total expenditure for the locomotive, carriage and wagon departments for the year 1923 amounted to £1,033,707, being a decrease of £11,698, as compared with the corresponding period of 1922.

During the first half of the year 1923 the train miles showed a decrease of 920,401 under that of the same period in 1922, and the expenditure a decrease of £135,017; whereas in the second half of 1923 the train miles increased by 990,602, and the working expenses by £123,519, the result, however, for the whole year being an increase in train miles of 70,291, and a decrease in expenditure of £11,698. Those differences were due to the abnormal conditions prevailing in the December half of 1922, and the June half year of 1923.

During the year the shops were working full time. To meet the stress of unemployment in the city a number of additional hands were taken on in the latter part of the year.

Except for the damage to Ballyvoyle viaduct, they entered the year 1924 with a possibility of normal trade, and the consequent resumption of the usual services.

The traffic receipts for the year ended 31st December, 1923, were £2,757,282, against £2,920,977 for the corresponding year of 1922, showing an increase of £356,305, equivalent to 14.24 per cent. The proportion of traffic expenditure to traffic receipts was 19.67, as compared with 23.70 in 1922. The gross receipts from coaching traffic for the year were £1,195,367, as against £970,803 for 1922, showing an increase of £224,564, or 25.13 per cent.

The increase in goods and live stock traffic was due to the partial resumption of business on the restoration of the company's services. Relatively it was satisfactory but a comparison with corresponding figures for the year 1913 showed a serious decrease in tonnage, and in numbers in the case of live stock.

The following details indicate the serious decrease in business as compared with 1913:

	Year 1923. Tons.	Year 1913. Tons.	Decrease. Tons.
Merchandise coal, coke, and patent fuel and other minerals	1,504,497	2,155,278	*650,781
	Nos.	Nos.	Nos.
Live stock	1,302,819	1,673,156	†370,337

*Decrease per cent. 30.19.
†Decrease per cent. 22.13.

Comparisons were made of rates and charges in England and in Ireland, though the position on the other side of the Channel—due to a trade revival and to economies effected by the groupings of railways—had in reality no counterpart on this side.

At the same time, the board and management, while they could not be taken as subscribing to the usual outcry of high transit rates and ignoring all other charges, were quite alive to the part that the railway rates played in the development of Irish trade and to the necessity, when circumstances permitted, of going thoroughly into the question of rates, fares and charges in a sympathetic spirit, and for the twofold purpose of developing the industries of the country as far as it was possible for the company to do so and at the same time preserving the company's trade and traffic.

Apart from closed branches and restricted services in 1923, many strikes took place in Ireland, the most serious of which was the strike of dockers at the Free State ports. This was a great loss to general trade, and especially to Irish agriculture. Happily, the Northern Irish ports were open, so that, even at increased cost, there were some outlets for trade. The restoration of the Rosslare route in September and the inauguration of cattle services by that route, coming at that particular time, were a great boon to the people in the South and West of Ireland.

TRUCKS AT FAIRS.

A recent pronouncement on railway defects by the Cattle Traders' Association referred to the chronic complaint of shortage of trucks at fairs; but, in fact, shortages very seldom occurred. That there had been some few cases of shortage was admitted, but, speaking generally, the supply was not only well maintained, but in numerous cases a large number of trucks were supplied in excess of requirements. The records for the past half-year showed 340 fairs supplied with 19,667 wagons, of which only 16,684 were actually used or required. The details recorded that only in eight cases was there a shortage.

The traffic expenses for the year showed a very satisfactory reduction; but, of course, wages were still more than 200 per cent. over pre-war figures.

In conclusion, the Chairman thanked the officers and staff for the loyal efforts, both personally and collectively, that they had made, and with such great success, to promote the welfare of the company in the most difficult of the thirty-seven years in which he had been a member of the board.

Mr. Adam Lloyd Blood said the shareholders were indebted to the Chairman for the clearness with which he had explained the position of the company. He congratulated the Board of Directors and the staff on the success that had attended their efforts.

Mr. Griffin (Limerick) pleaded for more consideration on the question of the housing of their employés. He also drew attention to the necessity for linking up the port of Limerick with the railway, and suggested a loan for the purpose.

RAILWAY RATES.

Mr. O'Connor (Cork) advocated an immediate reduction of railway rates. He said the Irish farmer was paying 200 to 300 per cent. more in railway rates now than in 1913, while agricultural produce had fallen to a very low figure. They were going into bankruptcy owing to rates for which there was absolutely no justification, and the country could not stand it much longer. There would be much more traffic on the line if more reasonable charges prevailed. By maintaining high charges the company were destroying, not only themselves, but the country as well, and sooner or later the agricultural industry would go smash. He was authorised to come there and say that the company was charging about 300 per cent. over 1913 rates, without any explanation as to why they were doing it.

"If you do not take up this question immediately," he concluded, "I am certain that you will live to regret it."

Another shareholder also referred to the high rates, particularly the rates on manufactured articles. He maintained that he was able to get coin from England cheaper than Irish coin. The reason of that was that the railway rates in Ireland were entirely prohibitive and militated against the home article.

Sir John Scott (High Sheriff of Cork) congratulated the Board of Directors on the firmness with which they resisted the attempt made by the Government twelve months ago to take over the line. Discussing what he described as "the lamentable position" of traders in the South, and particularly in Cork, he said that the rates from Dublin enabled merchants to retain the trade that had been diverted to them following the destruction in the South. He urged a revision of the rates on goods sent from Cork, so as to enable local merchants to compete with the Dublin traders. He also spoke of the advisability of granting third class season tickets on the Queenstown to Cork line.

Referring to recent Labour troubles, he said all employers of labour and all interested in the welfare of their country should urge the Government to appoint District Boards of Conciliation and Arbitration, with a view to settling disputes in a prompt and amicable manner.

Agriculture was their most important industry, and complaints had been made in Cork by those engaged in the cattle trade and other exporters that through rates were not given via Cork to ports across the Channel, and that their business was seriously impeded in consequence.

Colonel O'Callaghan Westropp (Clare) said that there was a big source of revenue open to them, and they should concentrate on greater earnings by reduced rates and fares. In Clare the company was losing money because of excessive charges, and traffic that would otherwise be carried on the railway was delivered by motor vans and lorries. For the same reason the shareholders were losing in dividends.

TOURIST TRAFFIC.

Colonel Westropp spoke of the attractions which Clare provided for tourists, and mentioned that the population of Lahinch in one month of the year was 20,000. Greater facilities for visitors were required, and they could attract cross-Channel and American tourists to the county by arranging with the West Clare Railway Company for better services from Ennis during the week-ends.

Sir John Scott asked if there was any prospect of reverting to half-yearly meetings. Trains were overcrowded with shareholders coming up to town, and they would prefer the meetings in autumn to those in winter.

Mr. Percival Hunt (Cork) asked who was going "to pay the piper" for the damage to the line—the British Government, the National Government, or the shareholders? Would the cost be provided by way of a loan; and, if so, would the shareholders have to pay interest on it?

The Chairman said that with regard to the complaints made they should remember that they had been making bricks without straw during the past year, and it was inevitable that there should be restrictions on traffic. They might rest assured that everything that could be done by the Board of Directors would be done towards reducing fares and rates. The shareholders would not get all the money, and the company would consider their customers, who were certainly the backbone of the country.

In comparing rates with England they should remember that the Great Southern and Western Railway had had their traffic cut off in every possible way, while in England there was a boom after amalgamation. It was quite easy for them to reduce rates and pay dividends, but he saw that most of the English companies had drawn on their reserve fund this year—a thing which the Great Southern and Western Company had not done. This was the only matter in which they held their own. As regards Sir John Scott's remarks about Cork, they had Messrs. Forde and MacMullan on the Board, who would see that Cork's interests were not neglected. The question of season tickets would receive careful consideration. On the question of connecting the port of Limerick with the railway, he was sure that Mr. Goodbody would not forget to keep them stirred up, and when they could see daylight in the direction of the innovation it would be initiated. With reference to the question of housing their employés, they could not see their way to tackle it until the stations were re-fitted and the stationmasters' houses were re-built.

In reply to Sir John Scott, the Chairman said that the company, in agreement with other railway companies and the men's unions, had agreed to the appointment of a National Wages Board which would deal with such questions as wages and the eight hours' day. These questions had grown acute. During the war wages had been run up too high. If the workers wanted work they would have to remember that, as the company had to suffer in dividends, they ought to be prepared to suffer in their luxurious pay—he could only call it luxurious, when he did not leave the employment of Patrick Rooney, her guardian. Flanagan said that he was afraid of the threats at the time, but "was not just so bad now." The accused woman denied the charge.

DERRY INFIRMARY ENLARGEMENT.—The Committee of Management of Londonderry City and County Infirmary proposes to build an additional wing to the institution. The nurses' quarters will be enlarged so as to provide accommodation for the matron and twenty-five nurses, as well as the domestics. This will occupy the two floors, and the third floor will be used as private wards, containing a hundred beds.

GOOD POLICE DUTY.—Sergeant Denis Maloney, stationed at Middletown, Co. Armagh, and Constable E. Harrington, Church Place Barrack, Lurgan, have been awarded first-class favourable records and grants of £10 each for good police duty.

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DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

NORMAL SHIPPING AGAIN.—As regards cross-Channel sailings to and from the port of Dublin, the Mapie resumed sailings between the Liffey and the Clyde yesterday morning; the Lady Kerry sailed on Tuesday night, with passengers, goods and 300 head of live stock, for the Clyde. The Yarrow is expected to resume her sailings, with passengers, goods and live stock from Dublin to Douglas and Silloth. There was no Liffey to Heysham steamer last night, but the steamers to Holyhead and the night express boat from North Wall to Liverpool and Birkenhead ran as usual. Arrivals yesterday included the Orient, from Buna, with phosphates; the Dunbrody, from Catania, with fruit; and the President, from Antwerp, with cement.

LEINSTER.

MAKING WORK FOR ENGLAND.—King's County Council considered a letter from an English firm offering to reconstruct the bridges. A member said—"There you have John Bull again, offering to build bridges which Irishmen blew up. The more that are blown up the better for them, as they want the work of erecting them." The Chairman—"Perhaps they would build the bridges and wait for the money." It was explained that the banks would not lend money to the Council, although permission to borrow had been granted by the Local Government Department, as the Council is in such a bad financial position.

MARKETS ON MARCH 17.—Consideration of a proposal that the Dundalk market should be held as usual on St. Patrick's Day was adjourned at a meeting of the local Council. A member said that hitherto the Council had endeavoured to have the market held on another day, but the experiment was a failure. The loss of a market was a serious thing for the town. Another member remarked that it was a great pity that St. Patrick ever came to Ireland to upset the markets of Dundalk.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL ESCAPE.—For assisting or inducing her daughter, Kathleen, to escape from St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford, Annie Fitzgerald, Tagoat, was bound over in her own recognisance at Wexford, on promising not to go near the school again. The daughter was sent back to the Industrial School.

£1 FINE FOR WITHHOLDING NAME.—Robert Towler, Ashbourne, Co. Dublin, was fined 2s. at Balbriggan yesterday for driving a motor car the tax on which had not been paid and £1 for refusing to give his name and address to a policeman.

UNKNOWN MAN DROWNED.—The body of an unidentified man, apparently a labourer, has been found in a ditch at Rahan, King's County. At the inquest it was stated that there were no marks of violence on the body. The jury returned a verdict of death from drowning.

MALICIOUS BURNING.—Twenty-five tons of hay, the property of Mr. C. Slator, Killypann, near Gorey, have been maliciously destroyed by fire. A claim for £200 compensation has been lodged

MUNSTER.

IRISH INSTRUCTION FOR LIMERICK.—The Department of Technical Instruction has given permission to the Limerick Agricultural Committee to appoint eight whole-time Irish teachers and an organiser. The sanction is given on the understanding that the Committee is satisfied that the requisite numbers will attend the classes. The Department has also approved of the technical instruction scheme framed by the Committee.

NEW TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.—New technical schools are to be established at Mallow in the disused Methodist church; at Passage West, where a building is to be erected at a cost of £2,000; and at Youghal, in the old endowed school.

CORK SHIPPING DUES.—The receipts from shipping dues at the Port of Cork last week were £263 9s. 8d.; £293 3s. 6d. was paid in the corresponding week last year. Since August last the total receipts amount to £31,833 18s.

NEW BISHOP OF LIMERICK.—The consecration of Canon Keane, Roman Catholic Bishop-elect of Limerick, will take place next Sunday in St. John's Cathedral, Limerick City. The consecrating prelate will be the Archbishop of Cashel, assisted by the Bishops of Killaloe and Cork. Twelve members of the Hierarchy are expected to be present.

HOSPITAL WANTED IN KINSALE.—Kinsale Board of Guardians have adopted a resolution declaring that a permanent district hospital is urgently needed at Kinsale in the interests of the sick poor and of the public health of the town and district. It is most inconvenient, and oftentimes impracticable, it is declared, to send patients to the Cork District Hospital, which is twenty miles away.

ULSTER.

£100 POTEEN FINE REDUCED BY HALF.—Owen Ward, Ravutnagh, Emyvale, Co. Monaghan, was fined £100, mitigated to £50, or four months' imprisonment, for having a quantity of poteen "wash" on his premises. It was stated that a barrel containing the liquid was located in a manure heap on the defendant's land, and that Civic Guards saw Ward go to the barrel, take off the cover, stir the contents and taste the "wash." Later he returned and poured a bucket of water into the barrel.

CO. CAVAN ROADS.—A member said, at a meeting of the Bailieborough, Co. Cavan, Rural Council, that a bread van driver had had to carry a spade with him to dig sods to fill holes on a road at Corlea, Kingscourt, so as to enable him to drive along it. The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

UNREGISTERED DAIRY PREMISES.—Bailieborough Rural Council decided to take no action on reports transmitted by the Local Government Department, that dairies, cowsheds, and milk shops are not registered in Kingscourt, Shercock or Termon districts.

MURDER CHARGE IN MONAGHAN.—Men, giving the names of Charles Tiernan, Patrick Kelly, Thomas Treanor and Frank Traynor, were charged at Monaghan yesterday with the wilful murder of Lieutenant Thomas P. Gillanders, of the Free State Army, and with the robbery under arms of £333 3s. 6d. from the Monaghan Branch of the Provincial Bank. Formal evidence of arrest was given, and the men were remanded in custody.

At Nenagh yesterday, Canon T. McLaurin was awarded £880 compensation for the burning of Ballinaclough Rectory.

Branard and Ballymore, Co. Longford, District Councils have passed resolutions protesting against the proposal to abolish such bodies.

Four members of the Dublin Municipal Council—Messrs. Joseph McGrath, George A. Lyons, R. Rooney, and Lynch—have given notice of their intentions to resign.

The death has taken place at Letterkenny of Mrs. J. F. Butler, a talented musician, who enjoyed a wide measure of popular esteem. The funeral last Wednesday was very largely attended.

John Lynch, age 24, a soldier of the Free State Army, stationed in Dundalk, was killed yesterday by the accidental discharge of a rifle which was being examined in the local barracks.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

CAPTAIN ACCUSED OF ASSAULT.—At Newry yesterday, Patrick O'Keefe, a sea captain, of Dromoane, Newry, was committed for trial, on bail, on a charge of assaulting Michael Hollywood, a sailor, of Lower Fathom, Co. Armagh. The accused man, when arrested, admitted giving Hollywood a slap with his hand, and said that he would give the same to any man who stopped him on the road without authority.

THREATENING LETTER.—At Newry yesterday, Bridget McGivern, Knockberragh, Rostrevor, was bound over in £10 on a charge of having sent a letter, signed "Death," to Patrick Flanagan, threatening him with death if he did not leave the employment of Patrick Rooney, her guardian. Flanagan said that he was afraid of the threats at the time, but "was not just so bad now." The accused woman denied the charge.

DERRY INFIRMARY ENLARGEMENT.—The Committee of Management of Londonderry City and County Infirmary proposes to build an additional wing to the institution. The nurses' quarters will be enlarged so as to provide accommodation for the matron and twenty-five nurses, as well as the domestics. This will occupy the two floors, and the third floor will be used as private wards, containing a hundred beds.

BELFAST SAVINGS BANK.—The Belfast Savings Bank, which is largely supported by the working classes, will open a new branch in the Shankill road district on May 1. The result of the first three months' work of the present financial year shows a net increase of £38,785 11s. 4d. in the general account, and of £15,183 9s. in the stock and bonds account, representing a total increase of £53,969 0s. 4d. to the funds of the bank, which on February 20 amounted to £2,968,814 16s. 3d.

BELFAST RATES.—Belfast City rates for the ensuing year were adopted by the Finance Committee of the Belfast Corporation yesterday. On valuations of under £20 there will be an increase of a penny, and on valuations of over £20 a reduction of twopence. The rates for the present year are:—Higher valuation, 9s. 8d.; lower valuation, 8s. 11d. Next year's rates, if adopted by the City Council, will be 9s. 6d. and 8s., respectively. This does not include a 2s. water rate.

TEARS IN COURT.—Patrick Joseph Bell, aged 17, Cookstown, was yesterday committed for trial in custody on a charge of stealing boots and clothing at Carrickmore. The accused had wept bitterly in Court and pleaded guilty. It was stated that there were three previous convictions against him.

Mr. E. G. Beatty, parochial secretary of Brookeborough, Co. Tyrone, has received a presentation from the parishioners on his departure to live in Dungannon.

BROADCASTING.

To-day's Programme.

The letters "S.B." in these programmes signify a Simultaneous Broadcast from the station mentioned.

LONDON (2LO)—365 Metres.

1.0-2.0—Time Signal. Concert: The Wireless Trio and Maxim Darganoff (tenor). 3.30-4.30—Time Signal from Greenwich. Concert: The Wireless Trio and Eva Sparkes (contralto). 5.0—Women's Hour: "Can Marriage be Improved?" by Marjorie Bowen. Olive Bell (soprano). A Talk on Fashion, by Nora Shandon. 5.30—Children's Stories: Musical Talk by Uncle Humpty Dumpty and Auntie Hilda—"Pip's Rainy Day." Songs by Olive Bell. 6.15—Boy Scouts' and Girl Guides' News. 6.25-7.0—Interval. 7.0—Time Signal from Big Ben, and News Bulletin. S.B. to all Stations. Percy Scholes: "The Week's Music." S.B. to all Stations. Radio Society Talk. S.B. to all Stations. Local News and Weather Forecast. 7.40—Programme S.B. to Cardiff.

Willie Rouse in repetition of his previous offence—with Pierrot and Pierrette. 8.15—"From My Window," by Phillemon. 8.30—Phillip Wilson will talk about the Music of the Period from Henry III. to Queen Mary, illustrating his chat with the following songs: "Summer is icumen in" (circa 1225); "Agincourt Hymn" (temp. Henry V.); "Ah, the Sythes" (temp. Henry VII.); "Passyme Withe Goode Company" (temp. Henry VIII.); "My Lyefe Dronke One" (Temp. Edward VI.); "Calcas Custurame" (Temp. Queen Mary); "All in a Garden Green" (Temp. Queen Mary); "Love Hours with Living British Composers—John B. McEwen. The Spencer Dyke String Quartette (Spencer Dyke, Edwin Quaife, Ernest Tomlinson, R. Patterson Parkes), assisted by Hilda Dederich (piano), Quartette in A Major, No. 2, "Bisexy" (Le Phare (Allegro Macatoso). "Les Dunes" (Andante e Mesto). "La Joyeuse" (Vivace). Spencer Dyke (violin) and Hilda Dederich (piano), "A Little Sonata in A Major." Hilda Dederich, "Wiseacre" (to be played String Quartette. Suite of Dances arranged for String Quartette—1. (a) "Chanson" (Old French), (b) "Basse Danse." "Jouissance vous donneray" (A certain raiser), by H. Ryelis. Scene: A Bedroom Cast: Jessock Bones (a Dealer in Wool), William Bones (his Son), Mr. T. Fleming; Sally (a Maid), Dorothy Frankland; Silas T. Spud (an American), Victor Smythe; Dr. Jones (a Welshman), J. Ormerod; Jack E. Yaters (a Millionaire), S. Mansel Lee. The "2ZY" Trio, conducted by Tom H. Morrison. Properties kindly lent by the courtesy of the Lyric Theatre. Produced by Victor Smythe. Assistant Producers: D. E. Ormerod and S. Mansel Lee. 7.55—Mollie Gray (soprano): "In an Old-Fashioned Town" (Squire), accompanied by the "2ZY" Trio. 8.04-8.30—Interval. 8.30—The entire programme S.B. from London. Announcer, Victor Smythe.

PARIS—1,780 Metres.

7.30—Relay of Concert. 12.45—Tsigane Orchestra. 1.45—Stock Exchange. 4.30—Markets. News. 4.45—Concert. 5.45—Racing Results. Parisian News. Tomatine Gossip. 6.30—News. Screen Talk. 9.0—Orchestra. 10.0—Dance Lesson, by M. Jean Schwartz.

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11.15—Time Signal. Weather. 5.40 and 5.30—Stock Exchange. 9.10—Concert. 10.0—Weather.

O'MARA OPERA COMPANY.

"THE BOHEMIAN GIRL."

The "Bohemian Girl," staged last night for the first time during the present season of the O'Mara Opera Company, at the Gaiety Theatre, met with that kindly reception which Dublin has always accorded to Balfe's famous work. Boxes, circles, and gallery were filled with enthusiasts, who found in the performance many opportunities for expressing their pleasure.

Mr. Walter Meyrowitz was the conductor, and under him the orchestra acquitted itself well. A feature of the production was the work of the four dancers.

Miss Mabel Dennis, as the Gipsy Queen, was the outstanding artist. Her singing of "Love Emotion" was the triumph of the night. Miss Florence Morden's voice suited the Arline music nicely, and she looked the part. Mr. Harrison Cook again showed excellent taste as an artist in his treatment of Devilshoof. Mr. David Grundy was a good Thaddeus, and Mr. Arthur Greenhalgh sang "The bear bowed down" very well, indeed.

The chorus work was good enough to please the most exacting critic.

To-night—"The Apostle of St. Omar."

NEW ISSUE.

HEPPELLS, LIMITED.

The prospectus of Heppells, Ltd., appears to-day. The capital is £250,000, in 150,000 7 per cent. Cumulative Participating Pref. Shares of £1 each, 95,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each, and 100,000 Ordinary Shares of 1s. each. All the 1s shares have been applied for, and will be issued at a premium of 7/- per cent. to the vendors, and 50,000 Ordinary Shares have been allotted to the directors and their friends at 21s. 6d. The Preference Shares are entitled to 7 per cents., and then to participate up to 10 per cent. The Ordinary Shares, which are issued at 21s. 6d. each, are entitled to all profits after 10 per cent. on both classes. 150,000 Preference Shares and 95,000 Ordinary Shares are offered by Messrs. Coutts and Company and the National Provincial Bank, Ltd. The company has been formed to acquire and extend the British and foreign chemist's businesses of Heppells, founded about half a century since in the Haymarket, London, and now owning eleven West End pharmacies and one at Brighton; also a manufacturing and wholesale business. Heppells are proprietors of the well-known proprietaries, "Clark's bath salts" and "Trillas," whilst "Lamplough's pyrelis saline" is incorporated. The business, with its American and European clientele, is one of those which should derive material benefit from the forthcoming influx of foreign and Colonial visitors. Further branches are to be opened in selected localities. The profits since 1919 have averaged £27,235 per annum. The assets, including goodwill, are valued at £240,350. The general manager estimates a net profit for the year 1923 of £31,000. The whole of the business has been built up out of profits. The Preference and Ordinary Shares are a sound industrial investment, and the vendors show their confidence in the concern by taking big blocks of shares. Applicants may use the form attached to the abridged prospectus on page 9, and should note that the lists will close on or before Monday, March 3.

NOTICE TO COUNTRY STUDENTS.

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THE UNITED MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN.

A RETROSPECT.

(COMMUNICATED.)

When the Rev. John McKenzie, M.A., of the United Free Church of Scotland, Principal of the Wilson College, Bombay, preached the inaugural sermon of the United Missionary Campaign in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on Sunday week, it was the first occasion for upwards of 270 years on which a Nonconformist minister had preached in this historic Cathedral. That fact is indicative of the way in which, through the great United Missionary Campaign which ended on Monday last, the various Protestant Churches in Dublin have been drawn together. For several months a thoroughly representative Council of nearly one hundred members had been planning and praying for the campaign. The spirit of unity engendered there spread to the Churches represented, and to that spirit of unity the success of the movement—which has surpassed the expectations even of the most sanguine—is largely due.

Fifteen or sixteen meetings were held daily during the campaign. It is estimated that the average daily aggregate attendance at the meetings cannot have fallen far short of six thousand. In the evenings a number of simultaneous meetings were held in the largest halls available. Every hall was crowded to the doors, and on a number of occasions many were turned away, unable to obtain admission. Many sectional meetings were held, such as meetings for doctors, for nurses, for students, for teachers, with daily dinner-hour meetings for business men. In over sixty of the primary and secondary schools of the city and suburbs addresses were given by missionaries to the pupils; while on the two Sundays of the campaign in over one hundred churches missionary sermons were preached either by the visiting speakers or by the local clergy.

The total number who thus came under the influence of the campaign ran into many thousands. The visiting speakers—some forty-five in all—included missionaries and missionary workers representing nearly every missionary society in the British Isles; the Christian Student Movement was rightly given a specially prominent place. The various meetings were presided over by thoroughly representative workers, such as the Primate of All Ireland, the Archbishop of Dublin, the Bishops of Down, Cashel and Tuam, the Provost of Trinity College, the Moderator of the Dublin Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, the Chairman of the Dublin Synod of the Methodist Church, the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, the Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland; Mr. C. H. Jacob, of the Society of Friends; Sir William Smyly, M.D.; Dr. Ella Webb, and others.

Where almost everything was excellent it seems invidious to select for special reference any of the addresses. Mr. W. Barbrooke Grubb, F.R.G.S., made a profound impression by his account of what had been done amongst the Paraguayan and Argentine Chacos, and by his appeal for new workers to enable his mission to respond to the appeal of the Bolivian Government for new missions to be founded in Bolivia. The two coloured speakers, Mr. Shoran S. Singha, of the Overseas Department of the Y.M.C.A., and Mr. K. A. Chunchie, of the Wesleyan Mission, Ceylon, captivated their audiences. No finer appeal for additional workers was made during the entire campaign than that of Mr. Frank Oldrieve, at the conclusion of his specially effective speech on work amongst the lepers. Mr. F. Deaville Walker, editor of *The Foreign Field*, the missionary magazine of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, was invaluable at the business men's meeting and at the Conference for Workers among the young and adolescents, while his address to a mass-meeting of children on the second Sunday afternoon of the campaign was delightfully effective.

Among the other speakers to whose addresses reference should be made, if space permitted, were Principal and Mrs. McKenzie, Mr. H. T. Silcock, Dr. Lechmere Taylor, Bishop Ward, of the Moravian Church; the Rev. F. J. Griffith, of Shantung, of the S.P.G.; the Revs. Nelson Bitton and W. Carson, of the London Missionary Society, and the Rev. W. E. S. Holland, M.A., of the C.M.S., Tavanorem. The lady speakers representing the Students' Christian Movement, Miss Ruth Rouse and Miss C. Madge, delighted everybody, as did also Miss Dorothy Maud, of the S.P.G. There was deep regret that Sir Leonard Rogers and the Rev. A. G. Fraser, whose names were on the programme, were prevented by illness from being present. The visit of Dr. Mott, Moderator of the United Stated could only give one Sunday to the campaign, but his visit was highly appreciated.

The closing meeting of the campaign took the form of a Thanksgiving and Dedication Service. The capacity of the largest hall in Dublin was taxed to its utmost to accommodate those who desired to be present. Mr. C. H. Jacob, to whom, as chairman of the Executive, the campaign owes so much, presided. Following an impressive address on "The Call of the World" by the Rev. W. E. S. Holland came the final appeal from Dr. A. Herbert Gray, Student Christian Campaign Secretary, on "The Call to Service." A brief time of prayer followed, and the greatest effort on behalf of missions which the Irish Metropolis has as yet known passed into history.

No financial appeal, save for enough to meet the expenses of the effort, was made during the campaign, but so stirred was one gentleman by the meetings that he has offered anonymously £1,000 on condition that £10,000 in all are contributed as a thanks-offering for the success of the campaign.

SOLICITOR'S SUICIDE.

DISTRESSING OCCURRENCE AT KINGSTOWN.

Mr. George T. Roe, a Dublin solicitor, shot himself yesterday morning at 30 Northumberland avenue, Kingstown, where he resided with his mother and sister.

Mr. Roe practised his profession at 8 Nassau street, Dublin. Recently proceedings were taken against him, the outcome of which was that an order was issued for his arrest for contempt of court.

Yesterday morning Sheriff's Officer Michael Scully, accompanied by Detective Officer Mulvihill, of Kingstown, went to 30 Northumberland avenue for the purpose of arresting Mr. Roe.

Mr. Roe was in bed when the officers arrived. On being informed that he was wanted at once on private business he immediately came down. He was then informed by Mr. Scully that he was to be placed under arrest for contempt of an order of the Superior Court.

Mr. Roe received this information quite composedly to all appearance, and said, "I know all about that. I cannot fix it up now, but I will do so if you will permit me to go before Lord Justice Molony."

"With pleasure," said Mr. Scully.

"Before leaving," said Mr. Roe, "I must tell my mother. She is 90 years of age."

Mr. Scully remarked, "As this is a formality, it is some, what is the good of upsetting the old lady?"

"She is 90 years of age," replied Mr. Roe, "and I would not leave without telling her."

The officers then assented to allow him to take leave of his mother, and to get breakfast. They waited in the hall, but in view of the room into which he had gone.

Shortly after the minor had elapsed from the moment he entered the room when the officers heard the sound of a revolver shot. Miss Roe immediately rushed from the room exclaiming, "Get a doctor. Quick, he has shot himself."

Mr. Scully dashed upstairs and into the room where he saw Mr. Roe kneeling beside a bed, on which his head had fallen. In his right hand was a revolver. Blood was issuing from his mouth.

Dr. Whelan was quickly brought to the room by Detective Mulvihill, but on his arrival life was extinct.

The body has been removed to St. Michael's Hospital, Kingstown.

Mr. Roe was a member of the Royal Irish Yacht Club. He saw service in the great war, and was a victim of severe shell shock, which permanently impaired his health.

ROYAL CITY OF DUBLIN HOSPITAL FETE.

The fête in aid of the Royal City of Dublin Hospital will be held on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 6th, 7th and 9th of June. Mr. A. Miller, Registrar, College of Surgeons, has consented to act as Honorary Treasurer.

The King visited the 45th Annual Show of the Shire Horse Society, at the Royal Agricultural Hall, London, yesterday. He was received by the Right Hon. Noel Buxton, M.P., Minister of Agriculture, and Sir Walter Gilbey, Bart., Chairman of the Horse Show Committee.

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PLEA FOR UNI-LINGUALISM IN IRELAND.

The annual meeting of the Gaelic Society of University College, Dublin, was held last evening. Dr. Douglas Hyde presided over a large attendance.

Gold medals were awarded to Mr. Michael Stack, Mr. E. Dolan and Mr. T. Ferguson for their proficiency in the Irish language.

Mr. Francis O'Ryan read a paper on "Uni-lingualism." It was, in the main, a fierce attack on bi-lingualism, and his argument was that there should be only one language spoken by the people of Ireland, and that the Irish language.

The so-called broad-mindedness of the English speaker, he declared, was merely a mask for indifference or apathy towards the native language. The Anglo-Irish idea of the present day was not that of either Martyn or McDonagh.

Mr. O'Ryan instanced the case of Belgium, where there were two races with their own distinct languages. In that country bi-lingualism was merely a step toward uni-lingualism, which was rapidly gaining ground. Similarly, in Ireland the effect of bi-lingualism was that English had a firm grip of the people while the Irish declined.

The fault of bi-lingualism in the present educational programme was that English and Irish were placed on an equality. The English language was foreign to Irish mentality. Means should be adopted to make Ireland uni-lingual, and positions should be given to those who were good Irish scholars rather than to those who knew no Irish. Every member of both Senate and Dail should be a speaker of Irish, and the training colleges must be run on Irish lines.

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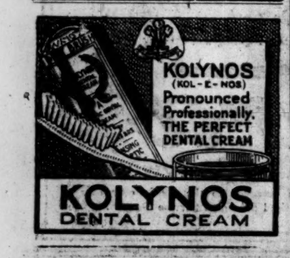

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SOUTH TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL.

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THE CHURCH OF IRELAND.

The Rev. James Quinn, Rector of St Michael's Parish Church, Belfast, has been appointed Rector of St. Jude's Parish, Ballynafeigh, in succession to the Rev. J. S. Taylor, appointed to Lisburn Cathedral.

Mr. Quinn is a graduate of Queen's University, Belfast, and gained the Divinity Testimonium at Trinity College, Dublin. He was ordained in 1904 as curate of Knockaney; in 1905 he was appointed curate of Bangor, and in 1913 Rector of St. Michael's.

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BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

MR. WALSH WANTS ALL PROCEEDINGS IN PUBLIC.

SENATE'S AMENDMENTS REJECTED

The Dail yesterday decided that all the evidence given before the Committee on Wireless Broadcasting, except such departmental documents as the Committee considers unnecessary, should be published. The Postmaster General intimated that he would move at an early date that the proceedings of the Committee be open to the Press.

The Dail rejected certain amendments to the Fisheries Bill and the Civil Service Commission Bill which it had received from the Senate. The Firearms Bill, the Electricity Undertakings Bill, and the Ministers and Secretaries Bill were advanced a stage.

QUESTIONS.

THE FOUR COURTS.

In reply to Alderman A. Byrne, President Cosgrave said that the Government was not in a position at present to make any definite proposal about the future use of the sites of the Four Courts, the Custom House and the old General Post Office.

Alderman Byrne—Will the Government consider the question of having the sites cleared?

The President—That is a different question.

SALE OF LANDS.

Answering a question by Mr. Peter Hughes, Mr. McGrath (for the Minister for Agriculture) said that the sale of land by landowners would not in any way prejudice the operations of the Land Act, 1923. There was no power to interfere with an owner's right to sell his land, but the sale of land or the creation of freeholds or tenancies now did not in any way interfere with or modify the right of the Land Commission under the Act of 1923 to acquire land compulsorily for the purposes of the Act, where it was required. The fact that A had sold his land within the last year, and that B, C and D were now the legal owners, made no difference whatever to the position. If the Land Commission required the land, they could acquire it compulsorily from B, C and D as readily as they could acquire it from A.

The transfer of ownership altered in no way the provisions of the Act, either as to acquisition or price. Under the Act of 1923 the Land Commission may acquire land compulsorily, not only from a landlord who holds in fee, but also from the tenant, or a tenant purchaser. Any attempt to prevent the sale of land pending the operation of the Land Act would not in any way increase the powers of the Land Commissioner, but would merely have the effect of decreasing the value of all the land of the country, and farmers, large and small, since they own far the greatest area, would be the principal sufferers by such a policy.

POSTS FOR EX-ARMY MEN.

The President, answering a question by Mr. John T. Nolan, said that the Government had decided that, in filling vacancies in the public service, every possible opportunity would be taken to reserve employment for men who had served in the Army and who were now being demobilised. In filling vacancies in the Garda Siochana (Civic Guard) and the Dublin Metropolitan Police, preference would be given to men who had served in the Army, the Criminal Investigation Department and the protective forces; and the great majority of such vacancies which occurred during the past year had been filled by men who had served in these forces.

Of the 200 recruits who had been admitted to the D.M.P. since last January, 160 were accepted from the Army or the Criminal Investigation Department. About 600 ex-soldiers had been admitted to the Garda Siochana, and twelve Army officers had been appointed to officer rank therein. Preference would continue to be given to ex-Army men in the recruitment of these forces, but having regard to the importance of the efficiency of the forces, it was not proposed to lower the present reasonable physical and educational qualifications demanded from candidates.

As regarded the Civil Service, instructions had been issued that a preference was to be given in all cases to ex-Army candidates, and in particular all temporary clerical and subordinate posts in the service were reserved exclusively for ex-Army men. In addition, the Civil Service Commission had given preferential treatment to men who served in the Army by holding one examination which was confined to Army candidates and giving a special advantage to Army candidates in an examination now pending. A further Civil Service examination confined to Army candidates was at present under consideration.

ALLEGED PREFERENCE.

Mr. Baxter asked the Minister for Agriculture if his attention had been drawn to a reported statement of the Limerick organiser of Cumann na nGaedheal at a meeting in Longford to the effect that "already arrangements were well under way to secure untenanted land, and that claims filed at the headquarters of the Cumann would receive attention"; and if he would state whether or not membership of any particular political organisation would be the standard by which the suitability of applicants to obtain portions of untenanted lands would be judged.

Mr. McGrath (for the Minister) said that the answer, in the words of the question, was that all applications of uneconomic holders and landless men would be considered on their merits in the redistribution of untenanted land, irrespective of whether they belonged to any particular organisation or not.

JURORS BILL.

Mr. O'Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs, asked leave to introduce a bill to amend the law relating to juries, and in connection therewith to amend the Electoral Act, 1923.

Leave was given, and the second reading was fixed for Wednesday next.

ENFORCEMENT OF LAW.

UNDER-SHERIFFS' POWERS.

Mr. Kevin O'Higgins asked leave to have printed and circulated a bill to prevent the obstruction of legal remedies and to provide additional powers for enforcing the payment of judgment debts and otherwise for the enforcement of law. He said that the bill bore a resemblance to the bill of the same name which was introduced last year. It provided for a greater number of under-sheriffs in the case of the more troublesome counties, such as Galway and Cork, and gave them extended powers. It provided also for an inquiry into third-party property.

He recognised that it was a bill for which a substantial case ought to be made even before it received its first reading. The bill that was introduced last year had a very salutary effect, but it was too short-lived to prove a real remedy for the situation that existed. It had a life-time of six months. He proposed to read to the House the situation as regarded the execution of court judgments as it stood on February 1st of the present year. He had returns showing the number of decrees in the hands of the under-sheriffs, and the amount of money represented by these decrees. They were:—

Carlow, 134 decrees, amount £16,000; Cavan, 51, £400; Clare, 101, £5,800; Cork City, 12, £400; Cork County, 580, £12,800; Dublin City, 58, £1,950; Dublin County, 52, amount not available; Galway, 357, £3,600; Kerry, 203, £11,778; Kildare and Kilkenny were missing, but he could say from his own knowledge that Kildare was practically normal, and Kilkenny extremely bad (Laughter.) He had not the amounts for Leitrim. King's County, 301, £9,700; Limerick County, 270, £12,400; Limerick City, 85, £1,300; Longford, 18, £488; Louth, 151, £800; Mayo, 272, £6,700; Meath, 12, £600; Monaghan, 49, £550; Queen's County, 215, £4,500; Roscommon, 258, £4,200; Sligo, 103, £900; Tipperary, 615, £27,600; Donegal, 962, £13,000; Waterford County, 146, £2,500; Waterford City, 41, £1,800; Westmeath, 161, £8,000; Wexford, 334, £4,400; Wicklow, 114, £400.

They found that for a few months past the under-sheriffs were barely keeping pace with the decrees without making substantial inroads on arrears of work. On the 1st December for the 25 bailiwicks for which the returns were available there were 5,803 decrees in the hands of the under-sheriffs, representing £157,030. For the same areas on the 1st of February the number of decrees was 5,724, and the amount £127,265, which is only a reduction of about £10,000. The returns from the under-sheriffs went to show the need for the bill. They also showed that the mere fact that they had powers given under the bill of last year were in themselves salutary.

Mr. Johnson said that he presumed the Minister would give details as to how many of the decrees were for rent, income tax, and debts of private persons, and in how many cases it was necessary to export, or send outside the jurisdiction, goods to be sold.

Mr. O'Higgins said that he would endeavour to get these details.

The application was granted, the second stage to be taken to-day.

FIREARMS BILL.

The next business was the report stage of the Firearms (Temporary Provisions) Bill, 1923.

Mr. O'Higgins said that in the committee Deputy Johnson raised the question of powers given to impose a fine in addition to a sentence of imprisonment, and contended that the provision might militate against the poor man, and in favour of the person who had money. He had consulted with the officials of his department and had concluded that there was no case for amendment.

The report stage was passed and the final stage was fixed for next Wednesday.

BROADCASTING.

PUBLICATION OF EVIDENCE.

The debate was resumed, on the motion of Major Bryan Cooper:—"That the evidence and documents submitted to the Special Committee on wireless broadcasting at any stage of their proceedings be printed and circulated, except such departmental minutes as in the opinion of the Committee are not necessary to be published."

Mr. Darrell Figgis said that the course that was adopted by the Dail last Friday was the course he himself nearly a month ago had called for, and he was glad that it had been adopted. He would have wished that not merely all the documents would be published, but also that they should be released from privilege, so that any person or persons who might feel so disposed might be free to take any action they wished in the matter, either with regard to the documents or with regard to any comments upon them. He did not know whether that was or was not possible.

Mr. J. J. Walsh, Postmaster-General, said that he wished to move an amendment, asking the House to delete all words after "circulated," thus omitting "except such Departmental minutes as in the opinion of the Committee are not necessary to be published."

The Speaker said that he could not take the amendment at that stage.

Mr. Walsh said that that was not his interpretation of the previous discussion, but it it was the feeling of the House he did not wish to be an exception. He thought it essential that subordinates should be kept out of public view, but he was satisfied that all documents, no matter how trivial, in this question—and because of the peculiar circumstances of the case—ought to be published, and that it was ill-advised to withhold one single document. He asked if the Committee had made up its mind regarding the presence of the Press at their future sittings.

The Speaker said that he could not ask the Committee that at the present stage.

Mr. Walsh—Well, I can put it in another way. The subject is of such importance that I will have to trouble the House within the next few days with a discussion on a motion on the subject. I intend to move that all future sittings of this Committee be conducted in public.

Major Bryan Cooper said that the words now objected to by the Postmaster-General had been inserted at the suggestion of the Minister for Finance, and he thought the balance of opinion in the Dail was in favour of inserting them. With regard to the question of privilege, he thought that privilege could not be removed as Mr. Figgis wished. It certainly could not be removed unless the consent of every single person who gave evidence was obtained. Under Article 19 of the Constitution, "all official reports and publications of the Oireachtas or of either House thereof shall be privileged, and utterances made in either House wherever published shall be privileged." He took it that under that article, if a newspaper published extracts it would be liable to an action for libel by any person who was unfavourably commented on. In other countries he believed that in practice the privilege extended to publication of Parliamentary documents, even when published in the Press.

The Blue Book or White Book would be on sale in every book shop in Dublin, and every person who wished could go out or send out hawkers selling it in the streets. It would be grossly unfair if in that publication statements should be made against individuals which they had had no opportunity of answering. Under his proposal any person affected could submit a document to the Committee to be published along with the evidence.

Referring to a statement reported to have been made by a person outside the Dail, to the effect that his motion had been "torpedoed" by Deputy Johnson, Major Bryan Cooper said that he took it that torpedoing meant a sharp and sudden shock, and nothing of that sort had occurred. Mr. Johnson had given him due notice of his amendment, which he (Major Cooper) had regarded as supplementary and not antagonistic to his motion. "We know," said Major Cooper, humorously, "that Deputy Johnson can be obstinate and sometimes unreasonable, but he is not underhand." His motion, he concluded, had not been torpedoed by anybody, but was sailing safely into port.

The motion was agreed to.

PETITIONS.

Mr. P. O'Malley moved the adoption of the report of the Committee on Procedure and Privileges on the presentation of petitions before Dail Eireann. He said that the Committee was unanimous in believing that people who might wish to bring a matter to the notice of the Dail had sufficient means under the Constitution of placing their views before the Dail, and it was, therefore, not necessary to have petitions introduced.

Mr. Figgis seconded the motion, and the report was adopted.

FISHERIES BILL.

SENATE'S AMENDMENT REJECTED.

The Senate's altered amendment to the Fisheries Bill was brought forward for consideration by the Dail. The amendment was to insert a new section as follows:—"Save and except in any case in which the Executive is satisfied that there has been a miscarriage of justice, no penalty inflicted under this Act shall be reduced or remitted, save on the recommendation of the Justice who imposes such penalty or the Appeal Court in the event of an appeal, and any recommendation for such reduction or remission shall be made at the same time as the penalty is imposed or the conviction confirmed."

Mr. Fionan Lynch, Minister for Fisheries, moved—"That the Dail do not agree with the Senate in this amendment."

Mr. Hugh Kennedy, Attorney-General, said that he deprecated dealing with this matter as a matter of technical law. To try to convert it into a dispute between two persons who happened to have some connection with law was a great mistake. When the Senate's original amendment was before the Dail he had suggested that it was not in the nature of an amendment of law, but in the nature of a cutting down of the position of the Executive with regard to the remission of penalties and punishments. That statement had appeared in the reports of the Senate enshrined in the midst of an argument of some vigour. They sometimes heard of the Senate as a cooling chamber, but there was not much of the icicle in the framework of his observation as it appeared in the reports of the other House.

He maintained that the proceedings in the Senate showed his observation to have been absolutely correct and justified in all respects, confirmed and corroborated by all that was said in the other House. He repeated that the people who proposed the original amendment had in their minds the crippling of the Executive as regards advising remission of penalties in each particular case that came before them. There was a tendency to deal in that manner with the position of the Executive responsible to the Dail.

In an Act of that kind, which had minimum penalties, it was more important that the power of remission should be preserved unimpaired than it would be in an Act of another kind. He took it that in the general Act which the Minister proposed to introduce later in the year he would reconsider the question of minimum penalties in the law relating to fisheries. He might also reconsider the position of persons who instituted prosecutions and got portions of the fines.

Although they had heard it asserted that the Senate contained the guardians of the Constitution and the people's charter of liberty, he ventured to say that in this case the position of the responsibility of the Executive to the Dail had been impaired by the Senate's amendment, and he submitted that the amendment should not be accepted.

Mr. Figgis said that he had defended the original amendment, and he supported the present amendment on the same grounds.

Mr. O'Dogherty, who spoke next, was not audible at the Press gallery.

The Minister for Fisheries, answering a question by Major Bryan Cooper, said that if the Senate held the bill up for 270 days the period would be counted from the day on which the bill was introduced in the Senate, and the bill would become law, at any rate, by September, before the next spawning season commenced in any district.

"NOT JUSTIFIED."

Mr. W. Hewat said that the matter in dispute between the Dail and the Senate did not appear to him to justify the Senate in persisting in an amendment which would be thrown out by the Dail.

President Cosgrave said that he was very pleased to hear such a statement as that by Mr. Hewat. The figures as to remissions in the last fishery year, showing that remissions had been made in fewer cases than were recommended by the Justices, did not on the face of them make a case for the amendment and the holding up of the measure at its most important time. It had been kept from coming into operation at a period of the year when it would have been most useful.

Mr. O'Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs, said that there had been no overriding of any justice or judge in remitting or reducing penalties, and the fines were, in fact, reduced in a smaller number of cases than was recommended by the justices.

In reply to a criticism made by the Chairman of the Senate about remissions having been made by the Minister for Home Affairs and not by the Governor-General, he said that there was no question of any encroachment on anybody's powers under the Constitution. The powers formerly attached to the Lord Lieutenant were perfectly exercised by the Minister for Home Affairs in accordance with Section 11 of the Adaptation of Enactments Act.

Mr. Thomas Johnson said that the real matter of the amendment was whether the Executive for the time being, the political Executive, should have the right to review on their own initiative the decisions of the Courts. He had a very earnest desire to protect the Courts from interference by the Executive and to prevent the risk of the Executive at any time interfering with the decisions of the Courts. He saw, however, that, while claiming that that was the purpose of the Senate in sending down that amendment a second time, there was something more involved.

He was going to take the risk of saying that they wanted to raise the position of the Governor-General to that of an officer of State who had in his keeping the prerogative of mercy. He was not going to do anything to enhance that officer's position, and in the circumstances of the country and the time, and in view of the general constitutional position they had attained and were hoping to attain, he preferred that they should clearly recognise that the exercise of the prerogative was done by the Executive for the time being, and that in so far as any other officer of State nominally exercised that prerogative, it was done on the advice of the Executive Council.

In the meantime, the amendment raised the question of the folly of imposing on magistrates and justices the obligation to impose minimum sentences.

He intended to support the motion.

The motion was passed.

CIVIL SERVICE BILL.

REGULATIONS TO BE LAID BEFORE EACH HOUSE.

Mr. Blythe moved amendments to amendments made to the bill by the Senate. The first was:—"That the Dail do not agree with the Senate in one of their amendments, but make the following amendment in lieu thereof—viz., to delete Section 4 (4), and to substitute this new section:—'All regulations made by the Commissioners under this section shall be laid before each House of the Oireachtas at least one month before any examination has been held thereunder.'"

He said that the House was always anxious to avoid disagreement with the Senate, but he thought it was undesirable that the Senate's amendment should be accepted.

Mr. Johnson asked if it would not be better to suggest to the Senate the form of the amendment to which the Dail would agree, rather than that a bill which the Dail had already passed should be submitted to further change or amendment in that House.

Mr. Blythe said that he was inclined to fall in with the suggestion of Mr. Johnson. There was, however, a danger in allowing themselves to arrive at a position in which certain special regulations were put forward by the Civil Service Commissioners, and which met with the approval of the Dail, and were not approved by the Senate. There was ample security in the bill as it went to the Senate. He was not in favour of accepting the position that any regulation should be annulled by a resolution of one House only.

Mr. Johnson said that they should allow the Dail and the Senate to have something to say to the regulations under which the civil servants were either to be appointed or retained, and to their conditions and remuneration. It was for that reason that he was in favour of accepting the Senate's amendment, which was—"Rather such Houses shall, within the next twenty-one days on which either House has sat after such regulation is laid before the Houses, pass a resolution."

On a division, the Government's motion was carried by 39 to 25 votes.

MINISTER'S POWER.

Mr. Blythe next proposed that the Dail do not agree with an amendment to Section 3 made by the Senate, in terms similar to the last-mentioned amendment, and that instead the following new sub-section be added:—"All regulations made by the Minister under this section shall be laid before each House of the Oireachtas as soon as may be after they are made."

Major Bryan Cooper said that this was far more important than the last amendment. It gave the Minister absolute power over the whole Civil Service. He thought that the Dail ought to agree with the Senate's amendment. Let them consider the position. If they disagreed with the Senate's amendment it would mean that a bill should be introduced and passed before a resolution on the matter could be passed.

Mr. Blythe said that the Minister for Finance, with the approval of the Dail, should have complete control over the scale of salaries, hours of service, etc., of civil servants. He felt more strongly about that amendment than about that which had been just rejected, and for that reason he asked the House to reject it. It would be utterly impossible to carry on, and to regulate finance, if a resolution concerning a Minister fixing grades of service or the scales of pay were to be turned down by the Senate. It was most important that the power of the Senate in regard to financial matters should not be enlarged in any degree.

Mr. O'Johnson supported the amendment of the Senate, and said that it should not be left to the Minister for Finance to have complete power over the conditions of service in the Civil Service without reference to the Dail. The amendment would give a greater assurance to civil servants that their conditions would not be altered without due consideration by the Oireachtas.

Major Bryan Cooper said that the Minister was perfectly consistent. He was always anxious to get as much power over all matters of the kind as possible. It was a natural tendency, but a dangerous one. Would the Minister be prepared to leave these two suggestions which he was going to put forward on the following day to the free judgment of the Dail? That would cause him to withdraw his objection. They would in that case, by disagreeing with the Senate's amendment, revert to the original form. He thought it would be an advantage from every point of view. They would have a frank discussion, find out how everybody stood, and then be in precisely the same constitutional positing they were in now—it should go back to the Senate in its original form, and they should make no suggestions.

On a division the motion was carried by 39 votes to 13.

The Dail agreed with other amendments made in the Senate, and the bill was ordered for report to-day.

ELECTRICITY CHARGES.

Mr. J. McGrath moved the second reading of the Electricity Undertakings (Continuance of Charges) Bill. In the case of the undertakings mentioned in the schedule, the authority under which charges had been increased above the maximum rates permissible in 1914 had lapsed in August last. Power was taken to enforce a reduction of charges where the undertakings had not themselves reduced their charges reasonably in accordance with the reduction in the cost of living. The Ministry was of the opinion that some of the undertakings were charging a good deal more than they should charge, and it was proposed to take steps to bring about the revision of those charges. The Act would extend to 31st December next, and before that date it was hoped to introduce a general Electricity Bill which would deal with the whole position.

The second reading was agreed to.

MINISTERS AND SECRETARIES BILL.

The report stage of the Ministers and Secretaries Bill was entered on, and the Attorney-General moved a series of amendments. These were in fulfilment of promises given during the committee stage, or were minor changes in the drafting of the bill. They were agreed to in most instances without discussion. They included Irish titles for the various departments and Ministers.

Mr. Figgis proposed an amendment, providing for the laying on the table of the House of every order made by the Council of Defence.

The Attorney-General said that no power was given to the Council to make orders.

The amendment was lost.

The Attorney-General moved the addition of a new section before Section 10. He explained that there were in many departments special funds out of which payment for public services was made. He instanced the way in which the dog tax was pooled for the payment of Petty Sessions Clerks. The object of the new section was to get rid of these special funds, which cloaked certain items of expenditure, and to transfer these items to the general estimates, and have them paid out of the Central Fund as any other item of public expenditure.

The section was adopted.

Progress was reported, and the report stage will be continued to-day.

The Dail adjourned at 8.35 until 3 o'clock to-day.

CINEMAS MAY CLOSE.

DEADLOCK OVER THE CENSORSHIP.

CASE FOR THE TRADE.

Unless the deadlock that has occurred between the cinema trade and the Free State Government over the cost and conditions of the Censorship of films is settled in the near future, a number of the cinema houses in Dublin may close down, owing to the lack of new attractions. The case for the exhibitors is set out in the statement published below.

STATEMENT BY THE TRADE.

The following statement has been issued by Messrs. Kennedy, Crowley and Co. and Messrs. Taylor, Son and Robinson, on behalf of the Joint Committee of the film exhibitors and renters:—

"Under the Censorship of Films Act, 1923, it was laid down that films were to be censored by a Government official, and that no profit was to be made, the trade being charged the actual cost of the department only. Various efforts were made to ascertain what the cost was going to be, but no definite information was forthcoming.

"It was naturally concluded by the trade that, as this was a Civil Service matter, it would be run in the ordinary Civil Service way, and that the staff would be Government officials.

"To the surprise of the trade, it learned that an arrangement had been entered into between the Government and the proprietors of the Bonded Film Stores, Dame street, without consultation with the trade organisations, and without offering the contract for public tender.

"Those private parties are, it appears, to run films for censorship purposes at the Dame street Picture House at a charge of 10s. per 1,000 feet to be paid by the Government to such parties for these services. This charge is out of all reason, and, as will be seen, is not the only charge levied for censorship—the charge made in the London Bonded Stores for the same services is 5s. per 1,000 feet, and even this allows for a handsome margin of profit. Offers have been received by the Kinematograph Renters Society from Messrs. Gaumont, and from Messrs. Famous Lasky, to perform the same services at 4s. per 1,000 feet.

"The trade brought this matter to the notice of the Government, and were informed that a contract for one year had been concluded with the Dame street Concessionaires at the price indicated. They were also informed that the set charge for censoring would be 16s. 8d. per 1,000 feet, and that of this, 6s. 8d. would be allocated to the Censor's expenses, and 10s. to the Dame street monopolists. The excessive price to be paid by the Government was, in other words, to be passed on to the renters.

"It is estimated that about 100,000 feet of film should be dealt with each week. Censor's charges on this, at 6s. 8d. per 1,000 feet, would amount to roughly £33 per week. Dame street running charges would be about £50. In other words, the Censorship Department is going to cost about £4,316 per year to the trade. The trade is prepared to carry out the same services at a cost of less than half the above figure. In other words, the Government are asking the trade to pay at least £2,000 (but probably much more) per annum in excess of the amount necessary.

"The matter does not end here, however, for the Dame street concessionaires next proceeded to arrange with the Customs Department that their premises should be licensed as a bonded store for films. This again was done without any notification to the trade, which has to pay the bill.

"Renters have the choice offered them of taking delivery of their films, and paying the duty on them, and then risking their being turned down by the Government Censor, or, alternatively, of sending them into the Dame street bonded store. Thus, a second monopoly has been created.

"The Dame street concessionaires propose to levy a charge of 1s. per reel on all films going in, and 1s. per reel on the film being taken out; sixpence per reel, per day, while it is lying in store for the first twelve days, threepence per reel, per day, thereafter.

"The trade regard this as a gross imposition, which is only rendered possible by the monopoly granted. An offer has been received from the Port and Docks Board to rent a suitable store to the trade at £50 per annum.

COMPARATIVE CHARGES.

Charges on an average 5-reel Film Bonded and Censored in Dame street:—

Government Censor will receive 6/8 × 5 =	£1 13 4
Dame street store will receive:—	
For projection, 10/- × 5	2 10 0
In and out charges, 2/- × 5	0 10 0
Storage charges 5d. say, 3d. (as low average for the inevitable delay in store in present congested condition)—2/6 × 7	0 17 6
Total	£3 10 10

Cost at which Renters are prepared to supply same services:—

Government Censor	£1 13 4
Projection, 4/- × 5, per reel...	1 0 0
In and out charge	Nil
Storage	Negligible
	£2 13 4

"On the basis that 100,000 feet of film per week will be censored, these figures show an unnecessary overcharge on the trade of about £3,000 per annum.

"It is also understood that it is in contemplation to withdraw the present essential liberty extended to the trade of holding trade shows in bond to the best advantage, at the most suitable picture houses, for the exhibition of any particular film. The trade are emphatically of opinion that the Dame street premises are not suitable for trade shows, and if the present arrangement is altered, it will have the effect of compelling renters to either take delivery of their pictures and pay duty on them months before they are required for exhibition purposes (thus locking up their capital), or, alternatively, to trade show them in the Dame street premises."

A REMARKABLE FAMILY.

Our picture shows a cow with her four fine heifer calves which were all calved on the same day (6th April last). The dam is a cross-bred Shorthorn, and the sire a pure-bred Shorthorn, known as "Derryboy Conqueror." As will be seen, both cow and calves are in excellent condition. Writing to Messrs. White, Tomkins & Courage, Ltd., for advice as to how the calves should be fed after weaning, the proud owner, Mr. Bernard Smyth, Broomhill Cottage, Portaferry, County Down, says: "When this cow was ten days calved I gave her 8lbs. per day of your famous 'Clarendo,' with hay up to grass time; then I increased it to 10lbs. per day. . . . This cow fed them herself, and kept herself and them in the best condition up to the present date, to the great surprise of hundreds who came to see them from far off and near hand." Messrs. White, Tomkins & Courage's comment on the latter sentence is that it is only those who are unacquainted with the qualities of "Clarendo" that are surprised at its achievements.

U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED IRREGULAR.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

Stocks opened heavy and declined on selling of Copper issues and weakness in Virginia Carolina Chemical Securities, the latter declining 3 to 17 points. Then leading Industrials advanced 1 to 2 points on a favourable review by the *Iron Age*, and Copper shares became steadier. The market closed irregular. Money on call closed firm at 4½ p.c. bid and 4¾ p.c. asked. Actual business was from 4¾ to 4¾, the ruling rate being 4¾ p.c. The last transaction was at 4¾ p.c. Sterling exchange irregular. Silver ¼c. down for foreign mined at 64.c. Gold to the value of 10,080,000 dollars has arrived here from London. Government Bonds irregular. Railroad Bonds easy. The day's sales totalled 640,000 shares.

Par	Stocks.	Closing Bid Prices		Business Done.	
		Tues	Wed	H.	L.
118⅞	Anaconda	103¾	102¾	—	—
115¼	Atch., Top. & Santa Fe...	98	98	—	—
103½	Do. Preference	86	86	—	—
85⅜	Baltimore and Ohio	36⅛	36⅝	—	—
100⅛	Canadian Pacific	146⅝	147	—	—
19⅜	Chesapeake Ohio Com. ..	68	68⅜	—	—
17⅛	Chic., Mil. & St. Paul..	15	15	—	—
67⅜	Chicago and N.-West...	37⅝	37⅝	—	—
34⅞	Erie 1st Preferred	24⅜	30	—	—
63⅛	Do. 4% Gen. Lien Bds.	35	54½	—	—
69⅛	Great Northern Pref. ..	36⅝	38¼	—	—
118⅛	Illinois Central	101⅝	101⅞	—	—
30⅛	Lehigh Valley	49	50	—	—
90⅜	Louisville & Nashville	89⅝	89⅝	—	—
12⅛	Missouri, Kan. & Texas.	10⅝	11	—	—
73⅞	Do. 4% Bonds	66⅛	66⅛	—	—
55⅛	Do. Adj. 5% Bonds	54⅝	54⅝	—	—
18⅜	Missouri Pacific New ...	17⅜	17⅝	—	—
4⅜	Nat. of Mexico 1st Pref.	4⅜	4⅜	—	—
2	Do. 2nd Pref.	1⅝	1⅝	—	—
116⅛	N.Y., Ch. & Hudson R.	100½	100⅝	—	—
127⅜	Norfolk & West. Com. ...	108	110	—	—
61	Northern Pacific Com. ..	52⅝	52⅝	—	—
19⅜	Ontario and Western ...	17	17	—	—
50⅛	Pennsylvania Shares	43½	43⅝	—	—
63¼	Reading Shares	54⅞	54⅞	—	—
41⅜	Do. 1st Preferred	35⅜	36	—	—
50⅛	Do. 4% Mort. Bonds..	40	40⅛	—	—
53⅛	Southern Railway	45⅝	46	—	—
102	Southern Pacific	89¼	89¼	—	—
77⅛	Texas and Pacific Com...	67⅞	67⅞	—	—
131⅜	Union Pacific	130⅛	130⅛	—	—
84⅜	Do. Pref.	73	73½	—	—
104⅛	Do. 4% Bonds	89⅝	90	—	—
16⅜	Wabash Common	14	14⅝	—	—
31⅛	Do. Preferred A	26⅝	27	—	—
63⅛	Amer. Smelt. Refin. Com.	59½	59½	—	—
39⅜	Anaconda Copper	34⅛	33⅞	—	—
23⅝	Brit.-Amer. Tobacco	22	22	—	—
73⅛	N.Y. Cons. Gas	62⅜	63⅛	—	—
239⅜	General Electric	204⅜	205¾	—	—
118⅜	U.S. Steel Common ...	104	102⅝	—	—
138⅛	Do. 1st Preferred	118	119	—	—
119⅛	Do. 2nd 5% Bonds	102⅛	102⅜	—	—
	Silver (Foreign Mined).	64¼	64	—	—
8⅜	Inter. M.M. Com. Certs.	7⅝	7⅝	—	—
34⅞	Do. Prefd. Certs	33⅜	33⅜	—	—
81⅛	Royal Dutch Oil	33⅝	33⅝	—	—
44⅜	Shell Transport	38⅞	38⅞	—	—
54⅜	Pan-American Pet.	47⅜	47⅜	—	—
18⅛	Amlo-American Oil	18	18⅛	—	—
16⅜	General Motors	14⅝	14⅝	—	—
41⅞	U.S. Rubber	36	36	—	—

*Asked. ‡Ex div. †Ex Bonus. §Ex rights

	Tuesday.		Wednesday.	
Call: Money	4½%		4½%	
Ex. on Lu. 60 days ...	4 26 37½		4 26 75	
Ex. on Lu. Demand Bills	4 29 37½		4 29 50	
Cable Transfers	4 29 62½		4 29 75	
Ex. on Paris	4 21½		4.17	
Cotton Mid. Upland ...	29 60		29 55	
Do. New Orleans, Mid.	29.25		29.75	
Cottonseed Oil, P. Sum.				
Yellow Spot	9 80		9.92	
Soft Seed Oil, Feb.-Mar.	9 80		9.80	
Petro., Refined, in cases.	17.15		17 15	
Do., Standard White..	14 00		14 00	
Do., Philad., Stan. Gr.	14.00		14 00	
Do., Pennsyl., Crude..	4.70		4.50	
Spirits of Turpentine	103		102	
Do., Savannah	98		98	
Resin, Grade K	4.80			
Do., Grade G	4.75		4 62½	
Lard, Prime West. Stm.	12.05		12 02½	
Do., Midland West ...	11.60—11.70		11 60—11 70	
Tallow, Extra	8½		8½	
Sugar, New Cuban	7.34		7.16	
Corn, West., No. 2 Mix.	96⅝		96⅞	
Wheat, No. 2 Hd. Win.	130½		127⅛	
Do. No. 2 Red Winter	130½		127⅛	
Do., No. 2 Mix., Dem.	115		1.04	
Coffee, Rio No. 7	15½		15½	
Flour

GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE.

EPINARD SCRATCHED.

TRAINING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

ST. BERNARD'S CANTER AT PLUMPTON.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Wednesday Night.

Epinard was struck out of the Lincolnshire handicap this afternoon. That is the great news of the day, and if it serves no other purpose, it will, at least, put an end to the torrent of clotted nonsense about the colt that has been pouring like a ceaseless stream in newspapers, in clubs, and, in fact, everywhere, during the past few weeks. The scratching was an almost foregone conclusion after the proceedings at the call-over of the card at the Victoria Club last night, when the prudent bookmakers, who have shivered at the mention of Epinard's name for a couple of months past, fell over themselves in the attempt to lay him.

The scratching of Epinard opens up the situation on the Lincoln, which we may see a fairly active market on the race. At present, I imagine, most of the trainers are a little at sea as regards their candidates, for bitter wintry weather still continues, and there is not a great deal of time left in which to get horses who might have a chance in the race reasonably fit. Newmarkets is frozen out, and so are most other training quarters.

There was some sunshine at the little Plumpton meeting this afternoon, although it was very cold, and a very good crowd attended. Lieut.-Col. Blacker came to take the mount on Word of Honour in the Novices' Steeplechase, and gained a rather easy victory from Mr. R. G. Shaw on Lee Bridge. Mr. Shaw, who is a son of Lady Astor, is an enthusiast in a small way in the jumping game, and won the first race of the afternoon—the Portslade Selling Steeplechase—with Ladomine, the first victory, I imagine, of a horse in his colours.

The Bleeka was not started for the Keymer steeplechase, which St. Bernard won in a common canter from the favourite, Irish Light. It was the first race Mrs. Brownlee's horse won since the meeting at Newbury in December, 1921. He has not, however, been a bad purchase, for Dick Morgan bought him in Ireland for £70. I believe, something like a monkey for Mrs. Brownlees, and he won her some good races in this country. Indeed, at one time he was high up in the handicap when entered against good-class horses. Latterly he was smothered trained off a lot, but to-day he smothered Irish Light and the rest of the opposition.

There was some unpleasantness after the race for the Sussex Hurdle, won by Colonel Michael Hughes's Lioncean. Fitton, the rider of the second, Owen, objected on the ground of foul riding on the part of L. B. Rees on the winner. He alleged that Rees had hit him across the face with his whip, and the Stewards, while they overruled the objection and returned the £5 deposit, found that there was evidence of foul riding. They severely censured Rees, and cautioned him as to his future riding.

TO-DAY'S CARD.

The Royal Artillery Meeting at Sandown fills the bill to-morrow. The four 'chases are confined to the "Gunners'" horses, but there are two open hurdle races. For one of these, the Hyacinth Hurdle, Mr. Parkinson has brought over Lieutenant-Colonel O'Malley Keyes' Smoke Cloud. Sancroft, Soldier, Comedier, and Scapin Assaroe, Halberdier, and Scapin may take the field against him. SMOKE CLOUD is not badly handicapped, and as the winner of the Galway Hurdle from some good horses, he may not be a bad each way investment. For the Violet Open Hurdle I like best the chance of AGINCOURT.

GALTEE MORE.

PLUMPTON RESULTS.

1.45—**PORTSLADE STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP** (3), £100. Second £5. 2 m.

Mr. R. Shaw's b. g. LADOMINE, by Forfarshire—Chatre de Beaupre, a. 10-5...L. Rees 1
Mrs. Rowlands' HILAIRE, a. 11-3.....G. Green 2
Capt. Rogers' PAVOT, 6, 11-7.....F. Pitton 3

Also ran:—Governor Wood (J. L'Estrange), Loch o' Gair (P. Lynch), Greek Vine (T. Costello), Olive Bough (Mr. Hogood), Blanche Oliver (J. Kelly). Last Born (Owner), Tyrannical (Lefebvre), Bonnie Maisie (Trudgill). Off 1.48. (Winner trained Privately.)

Betting—7 to 2 agst. Pavot, 6 to 1 Olive Bough, 7 to 1 each LADOMINE and Governor Wood, 8 to 1 Greek Vine, 10 to 1 Last Born, 20 to 1 any other.

Won by two lengths; six lengths.

There was no bid for the winner.

2.15—**WIVELSFIELD HURDLE RACE** (3), £100. Second £5. 2 m.

Mrs. Bennett's b. g. RATHCORE, by Aviditydam by Hackler—Frida, a. 13-0...G. Duller 1
Sir M. M'Alpine's PRIORITY, a. 12-0...F. Rees 2
Mr. E. Bartholomew's CHERRY BOB, 4, 11-0 .....Jemina 3

Also ran:—Ben Beech (Speck), Warrior (Mr. Parry), Ritzatel (Owner), Brotherhood (Cox), Meltonic (Lane), Colcannon (P. Allden), Titania (Fitton), Red Indina (Mr. J. Stevens). Off 2.18. (Winner trained by Bennett.)

Betting—5 to 4 agst. RATHCORE, 7 to 4 Priority, 10 to 1 each Cherry Bob and Titania, 100 to 8 bar four.

Won by five lengths; six lengths. Ritzatel and Meltonic fell.

The winner was sold to Mr. E. K. Stapley for 150 guineas.

2.45—**KEYMER STEEPLECHASE**, £100. Second £10. 3 m.

Mrs. N. Brownlee's ch. g. ST. BERNARD, by St. Monans—Lady Mag, a. 12-0...G. Green 1
Mr. A. Lawes' IRISH LIGHT, a. 11-6...Francis 2
Mr. G. Whitelaw's PERSEVERANCE, a. 10-11 .....Scott 3

Also ran:—Condor (L. Rees), Southerner (F. Hitchcock), Greek Scholar (Mr. Pelford), Pumpkin Pie (P. Lynch), Harlequin III. (Mr. Bingfield), Jack Sprangon (J. Kilby). Off 2.47. (Winner trained by Butchers.)

Betting—5 to 2 agst. Irish Light, 11 to 4 ST. BERNARD, 100 to 30 Condor, 100 to 8 bar three.

Won by ten lengths; a bad third. Condor and Greek Scholar fell; Harlequin III. and Pumpkin Pie were pulled up.

3.15—**SUSSEX HURDLE HANDICAP**, £100. Second £10. 2 m.

Col. Hughes's br. g. LIONCEAU, by Littleton—Queen Ena, 6, 11-5.....L. Rees 1
Mr. M. Rhodes's VEWLE, 5, 10-6.....F. Pitton 2
Mrs. Howcroft's BRANDYBALL, 5, 11-2...Speck 3

Also ran—Persheen (W. Smyth), Playful (F. Rees), Tuscan (A. Escott), King George (G. Duller), Treble Scotch (P. Lynch), Tower Perseus (J. Gray), Graceful Mover (P. Allden), Coolingraph (Mr. J. Stevens), Silvanus (Reardon), Rory O'Neill (J. Morgan). (Off 3.15.) (Winner trained by Scourfield.)

Betting—9 to 2 agst. Playful, 6 to 1 each LIONCEAU and Tuscan, 7 to 1 Treble Scotch, 8 to 1 each Persheen and Owen, 10 to 1 King George, 100 to 7 any other.

Won by three-quarters of a length; four lengths.

An objection was lodged by F. Fitton (the rider of Owen) to the winner, on the ground of foul riding and boring, and also strictly not on against L. B. Rees down the back side first time round and from the turn. The Stewards overruled the objection and ordered the five pounds deposit to be returned. The Stewards were of opinion that there was evidence of foul riding, and severely cautioned L. B. Rees as to his future riding.

3.45—**NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE**, £85. Second £5. 2 m.

Lt.-Colonel Waylund's b. or br. g. WORD OF HONOUR, by Swynford—Assurance, 5, 11-7 .....Colonel Blacker 1
Mr. R. Shaw's LEE BRIDGE, a. 12-2.....Owner 2
Mr. C. Ringwood's LANCASTER ROSE, a. 11-9 .....Mr. Lerwill 3

Also ran — Red Standard (Wenham), Gapple (Francis), Rattledore (Mr. Howard), Bright Blue (F. O'Neill), Scraper (Owner), Gerson (Owner), Sundrop (Wallington). (Off 3.45.) (Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—11 to 8 agst. Sundrop, 3 to 1 Lee Bridge, 6 to 1 WORD OF HONOUR, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by three lengths; a bad third.

4.10—**A FOUR-YEAR-OLD HURDLE HANDICAP**, £100. Second £5. 2 m.

Mr. J. Reardon's b. c. DOMINICAN, by Friar Marcus—Killulach, 11-1.....Reardon 1
Mr. R. Mealing's MINTAWAY, 10-10 .....L. Butchers 2
Mr. S. Stacey's PARAMOUNT CHIEF, 11-2 .....Escott 3

Also ran—Oak Twig (G. Green), Flights (L. Hall), Idle Moments (H. Gallagher). (Off 4.11.) (Winner trained by Reardon.)

Betting—11 to 8 agst. Mintaway, 3 to 1 DOMINICAN, 9 to 2 Paramount Chief, 5 to 1 Flights, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by four lengths; six lengths.

SANDOWN PARK

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME AND SELECTIONS.

Among the numerous annual regimental steeplechasing fixtures that of the Royal "Gunners'" is one of the most popular, especially with the fair sex, and a large attendance at Sandown Park to-day is certain, should the weather prospects continue favourable. The racing will not be of more than passing interest excepting to those immediately concerned in the gathering. I assume that Clonhugh will attempt to lift another R.A. Gold Cup. He included that of last season in the series of victories he recorded at about that period. Major Walwyn's steeplechaser again figures in the entry, which also includes the names of Paddy Ryan and Laddoux, who were second and third respectively in last year's contest. So far as the trio mentioned are concerned, the issue to-day, should all of them put in an appearance, is likely to be a reptition of last year's result. Much stronger opposition to the Major's representative would arise from Speedy Minstrel, who annexed the Light-Weight Hunters' Race from a big field at the corresponding meeting last season, and finished in front of Clonhugh behind Palm King at Newbury last week at 7lb. advantage, which is increased by a couple of pounds in to-day's race. Despite the fact, I am inclined, on the theory of horses for courses, to give the preference here to Clonhugh. Selections:—

R.A. Hunters' Steeplechase—**Cinnamon III.**

Ubique Plate—**Speedy Minstrel.**

Gold Cup—**Clonhugh.**

Hyacinth Hurdle—**Halberdier** or **Scapin.**

Light-Weight Hunters' Steeplechase—**As You Like It.**

Violet Hurdle—**Agincourt**; if absent, **Hungarian.**

1.30—**ROYAL ARTILLERY HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE**, £160. Second £20. 3 m. Age, st. lb.

POLICEMAN II. (Mr. H. Bingham) .....
ROCKLET (Lieut.-Col. Craven) .....Private a 15 7
SINISTER (Mr. C. Darby) .....Private a 15 7
ARDRICH (Capt. Pugh) .....Private a 15 7
LONGHYND (Lieut.-Col. Gibbon) .....Private a 15 7
LUDIE (Brig.-Gen. Gilson) .....Private a 15 7
BEST GIRL (Major Hayley) .....Private a 15 7
A. YOMY (Mr. H. Holt) .....Private a 15 7
DIE HARD (Mr. S. Fowles) .....Private a 15 7
WEAPON (Mr. J. Purdon) .....Private a 15 7
RED EMPRESS (Mr. V. Shell) .....Private a 15 7
CINNAMON III. (Maj. Van Straubenzee) .....Private a 15 7
TANAPEX (Major Walwyn) .....Private a 15 7
MONKEY II. (Mr. S. Williams) .....Private a 15 7

2.0—**ROYAL ARTILLERY UNIQUE PLATE** (steeplechase), £160. Second £20. third £20. 2 m.

TOILDE (Mr. H. Harvey) .....Powell 6 13 0
DICK BEHAN (Capt. Powell) .....Powell a 13 0
GLANCE (Capt. Powell) .....Powell a 13 0
VISUNDA (Mr. Bolton) J. Renwick a 13 0
MUSOADIN (Maj. Cavenagh) .....Private a 13 0
LADY STUFFY (Mr. Beresford) .....Private 6 12 0
OLYMPUS (Mr. H. Bingham) .....Private 6 12 0
DARK DRAGON (Mr. F. Groves) Bletsoe a 12 10
LIGHTFOOT (Mr. C. Brownhill) Brownhill a 12 8
SCONCHANCE (Mrs. A. Powell) .....Private a 12 5
WAVE'S CREST (Maj. Cavenagh) .....Private a 12 5
ROCKLET (Lt.-Col. Craven) .....Private a 12 5
STUFFY (Mr. C. Brownhill) .....Private a 12 5
SOVINGTON (Mr. H. Harvey) .....Powell a 12 0
SPEEDY MINSTREL (Mr. H. Lumsden) .....Private a 12 0
LITTLE CHRISTY (Capt. Sherrard) .....Private a 12 0
LIVE AND LEARN (Maj. Walker) .....Private a 12 0
CLIFFORD HALL (Mr. C. Brownhill) .....Brownhill a 12 0
WINKFIELD WIZARD (Mr. C. Bull) .....Private a 12 0

2.30—**ROYAL ARTILLERY GOLD CUP**, value £70, and £210, Second £20. Lnted £20. 3m. Age, st. lb.

CLONHUGH (Major Walwyn).....Private a 13 0
LADDOUX (Capt. Latham) .....Private a 13 0
PADDY RYAN (Lt.-Col. Main).....Private a 13 0
CLIFFORD HALL (Mr. C. Brownhill) .....Brownhill a 12 5
KNOCKRUNCE (Mr. O'Beirne).....Private a 12 5
LIGHTFOOT (Mr. C. Brownhill) .....Brownhill a 13 5
SPEEDY MINSTREL (Mr. H. Lumsden) .....Private a 12 5
ARDRUEL (Capt. Dunn).....Private a 12 0
RED LEGS (Major Gaskell).....Private a 12 0
BEN YOIRLICH (Mr. H. Lumsden) .....Private a 12 0
CIVVY LIFE (Mr. H. Lumsden).....Private a 12 0

3.0—**HYADINTH HURDLE RACE**, £400. Second £75, third £25. 2 m. Age, st. lb.

ASSAROE (Mr. S. Howard).....Newey 6 12 0
SANCROFT (Mr. Thomson).....Bryan 6 12 0
HALBERDIER (Lord Denman) G. Poole a 12 3
WHITE FRIAR (7lb. ex.) (Mr. Brendon) G. Bennett 5 11 13
MOOR HAVEN (7lb. ex.) (Mr. Brendon) G. Bennett 5 11 13
SANTAVON (Capt. Kerr).....Batho a 11 12
CORAZON (Major Barrett).....Barrett 6 11 12
SIMON'S LIGHT (Mrs. Jones).....Orbell 6 11 11
PRINCE REGENT (Mr. Smyth).....Smyth 6 11 11
SQUIRE ERLEGH (Mrs. G. Russell) .....Leader 6 11 11
SCAPIN (7lb. ex.) (Mr. Boutall).....Earl 5 11 10
DESERT ROSE (Mr. H. Milles).....Earl 5 11 9
COMETHER (Mr. T. Donnelly)...Gilbert 5 11 8
GOLDEN MELODY (Mr. W. Samuel) .....G. Poole a 11 8
SMOKE CLOUD (Lt.-Col. Keyes) Private a 11 8
WATERBOYTIDE (Mr. C. Scott) A. Scott a 11 8
TRANQUILITY (Mr. F. Whitehead) .....W. Nightingall 4 10 13
MULLAGHMAST (Mrs. S. Price) .....H. Hedges a 10 8

3.30—**ROYAL ARTILLERY LIGHT-WEIGHT HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE**, £160. Second £30, third £20. 3m. Age, st. lb.

WILD FOX V. (Mr. J. Abbott) ..Private a 11 12
JIMMY BOY (Mr. J. Benson) ..Private a 11 12
WINKFIELD WIZARD (Mr. C. Bull) .....Private a 11 12
THE SNARK (Mr. C. Darby) .....Private a 11 12
CHARLES BROWN (Mr. J. Friedberger) .....Private a 11 12
RED LEGS (Major Gaskell) .....Private a 11 12
CIVVY LIFE (Mr. H. Lumsden) .....Private a 11 12
BEST GIRL (Major Hayley) .....Private a 11 12
A. YOMY (Mr. H. Holt) .....Private a 11 12
DIE HARD (Mr. S. Fowles) .....Private a 11 12
WEAPON (Mr. J. Purdon) .....Private a 11 12
RED EMPRESS (Mr. V. Shell) .....Private a 11 12
CINNAMON III. (Maj. Van Straubenzee) .....Private a 11 12
MORE HARDSHIP (Maj. Walker) Private a 11 12
GLENGORMLEY (Maj. Walwyn) Private a 11 12
MONKEY II. (Mr. S. Williams)...Private a 11 12

4.0—**VIOLET FOUR-YEAR-OLD HURDLE HANDICAP**, £300. Second £20. third £20. 2 m. st. lb.

GIANFORTE (Mr. A. Riddell) .....Kirk 12 7
FIRST MADE (Mrs. H. Peel) .....G. Poole 12 5
DARK DAVID (Mr. H. Persse) .....Gore 12 2
ROYAL SILVER (Mr. H. Mather) ..Private 11 10
ORNOR RIVER (Major Byrd) .....G. Payne 11 10
CONFIRMATION (Mr. S. Cohen).....G. Bennett 11 9
MANTELET (Mr. J. Batho) .....Batho 11 7
REDMER (Mr. Thompson) ..F. Hartigan 11 6
HUNGAREN (Major Mundy) ...Hartigan 11 6
ARCHANGEL (Mr. W. Larkin) .....Larkin 11 4
HARROVIAN (Mr. W. Nightingall) .....W. Nightingall 11 4
KILLUCAN (Mr. D. Faber) .....Hatt 11 4
AGINCOURT (Mr. J. Thomson)...F. Brown 11 3
TOPHOOT (Mr. F. Keene) .....Gore 11 3
WHITE DRAUGHT (Mr. J. Harris) Hyams 11 3
VONNA (Lt. Wavertree) .....Ferguson 11 3
TARA HILL (Mr. H. Hartigan) F. Hartigan 11 2
ENTANGLER (Mr. G. de Vine) ..Wootton 11 2
IMPERIAL (Mr. D. Gant) .....Tabor 10 13
TELEMACHUS (Mr. R. Jeffrey) .....Earl 10 11
JUNIN (Mr. A. Scott) .....A. Scott 10 10
SUNNY BILL (Mr. A. Persse) ...Woodman 10 10
WHITETHREAD (Mr. J. Mine) .....Woodman 10 9
DECLARE'S HOPE (Mr. F. Wilmot) .....G. Poole 10 8
DETRITUS (Mrs. Baker) .....Martin 10 8
ATHENA (Sir M. McAlpine) .....G. Poole 10 5
FRANK COLIN (Mrs. Baker) .....Martin 10 3
SKIAS (Mr. J. Clement) .....Belcourt 10 3
REGULATOR (Mr. A. Howson) .....Nightingall 10 6
OAK TWIG (Mr. A. Goldwater) Hammond 10 6
KILWORTH (Capt. Barnett) .....Barnett 10 2

ARRIVALS—Assaroe, Comether, Declare's Hope, Golden Melody, Halberdier, Hungaren, Little Christy, Policeman II., Rocket, Stuffy, Sevington, Sancroft, Vonna, Whitethread. The majority of the horses engaged can arrive in the morning.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

Jarvis is reported to be a certain starter for the Lincolnshire Handicap, with Weston as his jockey. Greengrue (aged) has gone into Saxby's stable at Cheltenham.

Escott, the Lewes trainer, who was not enjoying the best of health last autumn, has been taking a long rest in the South, and is now reported fit and well again.

According to present arrangements, Geo. Blackwell will saddle both Sergeant Murphy (F. Brookes) and Drifter (G. Calder) for the National Trial Steeplechase of £1,000 at Gatwick to-morrow.

As the result of the takings at the Bankers' Rugby Cup match at Lansdowne road on Tuesday, a sum of £32 will be handed over to the Royal City of Dublin and Sir Patrick Dun's Hospitals.

Brigadier-General Noel Haig, cousin of Earl Haig, who was one of the foremost English polo players, has attained the age for retirement, and ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers. He has commanded the Inniskilling Dragoons, and was mentioned for the Boer War and the Great War.

The two-year-old bay colt, Pomme d'Or, by Pommern, out of Birdlime, sold at Tattersall's (Knightsbridge) sale on Monday, for 28 gns., is engaged in next year's Derby. Among other liabilities incurred for this well-bred youngster are £10 Stakes each: Ascot: Mc'comb Stakes, Goodwood, and Champion Breeders' Foal Plate, Derby, the total minor forfeits amounting to £28. Pomme d'Or was sold to dissolve a partnership, and is now owner is Mr. E. Simmons.

We have received an advance copy of the "Racing Handbook and Horses in Training," which is published from the office of the *Sportsman*, Bridewell place, London, E.C. 4. The book contains no less than 220 trainers' lots, comprising over 4,000 horses, and is cheap at one shilling.

LONDON BETTING—YESTERDAY.

The reported scratching of Epinard was not unexpected, but it led to Sir Gallahad III. closing a better favourite at 100 to 12. Of the other Lincoln horses quoted, Jarvis was backed to win a few thousands, but there was also money for his stable comrade, Morestel.

For the Grand National, Silvo again closed favourite at 17 to 2 from Conjuror. Little else was doing. Details:—

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP.

(Run Wednesday, March 26. Distance, one mile.)

100 to 12 Sir Gallahad III. (t. and o.) .....France 4 8 5
100 to 7 Jarvis (t. and o.).....Batho 4 7 7
100 to 6 Soval (t. and o.).....Watts a 7 9
20 to 1 Pondoland (o.).....De Mestre 5 8 4
25 to 1 Morestel (t. and o.)....Batho 4 6 11
25 to 1 Evander (t. and o.). De Mestre 6 8 6
25 to 1 Clackmannan (t. and o.) .....C. Piggott 3 6 3
28 to 1 Dinkie (t. and o.).....East 4 6 13

GRAND NATIONAL.

(Run Friday, March 28. About 4 m. 856 yds.)

17 to 2 Silvo (t. and o.).....Whitaker 8 12 2
10 to 1 Conjuror II. (t. and o.) .....Coulthwaite 12 11 0
100 to 6 Max (t. and o.).....Usher 8 11 3
20 to 1 Alcazar (t. and o.).....G. Poole 8 11 3
25 to 1 Eureka II. (t. and o.)....Gore 7 11 5

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COUNTY DUBLIN BOARD.

The fortnightly meeting of the Board was held at 3 College street, Dublin, on Monday last. Lists for registration were received from Harp (Clontarf), Starlings (Ballsbridge), Harriers, St. James's Gate Harriers, and Dublin City Harriers, and passed. The transfer of S. Hennessy from Harp C.C. to Castleknock Harriers was lodged and confirmed. The date of the senior county cross-country championship was definitely fixed for Saturday, April 5th.

The County Dublin cycling and athletic championships were fixed for Saturday, June 21st, at Croke Park, and it was decided to hold the 50 miles cycling championship of the county on a date to be settled at the next meeting, the arrangements for running this event to be placed in hands of the Irish Road Club.

SELECTIONS FOR THIS DAY'S SANDOWN MEETING

PAPER.	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.	4.0 RACE.
Sportsman	Cinnamon III.	Dark Dragon.	Speedy Minstrel.	Prince Regent.*	Civvy Life.	Orange River.
Man on the Spot	Cinnamon III.	Speedy Minstrel.	Clonhugh.	Halberdier or Scapin.	As You Like It.	Hungarian.
Sporting Life	Cinnamon III.	Dark Dragon.	Speedy Minstrel.	Tranquility.	As You Like It.	Tara Hill.*
Man on the Spot	B. B.	Dark Dragon.	Speedy Minstrel.	Scapin.*	As You Like It.	Agincourt.
Westminster Gazette	—	—	Speedy Minstrel.	Smoke Cloud.	—	Agincourt.
Daily News	Cinnamon III.	Dark Dragon.	Laddoux.	Comether.	Civvy Life.	Tara Hill.
Daily Chronicle	Tanapex.	Stuffy.	Clonhugh.*	Prince Regent.*	Glengormley.	Tara Hill.
Daily Express	Cinnamon III.; if ab., Tanapex.	Dick Behan; if ab., Stuffy.	Clonhugh.*	Smoke Cloud (next best).	Cinnamon III.; if ab., As You Like It.	Orange River; if ab., Agincourt.
Daily Mirror	—	Dick Bevan.	Clonhugh.	Scapin.	As You Like It.	Tara Hill.
Daily Graphic	—	Powell's selected.	Lightfoot.	Sancroft.	—	First Magic.
Star	Cinnamon III.	Lightfoot.	Speedy Minstrel.	Scapin.	Civvy Life.	Orange River.*
Evening News	Cinnamon III.	Dark Dragon.	Laddoux.	Scapin.*	As You Like It.	Hungarian.*
Evening Standard	Cinnamon III.	Dark Dragon.	Clonhugh.	Tranquility.	Civvy Life.	Tara Hill.
Daily Mail	—	—	Clonhugh.	Tranquility.	—	Detritus.
Times	—	—	—	—	—	—

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POINT-TO-POINT.

COSHMORE AND COSHBRIDE HUNT.

A large ciend enjoyed excellent racing yesterday at Tallow Point-to-Point Races, held under the auspices of the Coshmore and Coshbride Hunt. Details:—

MOUNT FAIR PLATE—Mr. M. Moore's St. Vin Dwalin (Owner), 1; Mr. T. Fleming's Brewery Girl (J. Cricksmore), 2; Mr. T. Taylor's Little Boy (Mr. yp. Daly), 3. Eight ran. Won by four lengths; three lengths.

TALLOW TOWN PLATE—Mrs. H. Smyth's Popa Head (Mr. F. O'Brien), 1; Mr. E. Walsh's Star Maiden (Mr. G. M. Smyth), 2; Miss Musgrave's Crimson Cherry (S. Regan), 3. Seventeen ran. Won by six lengths; one length.

SUBSCRIBERS' PLATE—Mr. W. O'Sullivan's While Light (Mr. G. M. Smith), 1; Mr. Dwyer's Flight Commander (S. Regan), 2; Mr. M. Moore's Moonlight Chase (Owner), 3. Seven ran. Won by two lengths; half a length.

BALLYKAFFAN PLATE—Mr. E. Walsh's Nancy (Mr. M. O'Brien), 1; Mr. R. O'Brien's Glassaleen's Token (Owner), 2; Mr. A. Higgins' Erin-Go-Bragh (W. Brown), 3. Seven ran. Won by six lengths; two lengths.

LEOPARDSTOWN FIRST MARCH MEETING, 1924.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1st.

FIRST RACE 2.0 P.M.

A train with reserved carriages for Members leaves Harcourt street Station at 1.10 p.m.

Carriages for Members will also be reserved on the Special Train leaving Foxrock at 4.50 p.m. after racing is over.

Members will only be admitted to reserved enclosures on production of their badges.

On the introduction of a Member, Tickets admitting to the Members' Enclosure can be obtained at the Members' Ticket Office on the Course.

Gentlemen, 2 gns.; Ladies, 5/6 per day.

Combined Tickets for Course and Enclosures (except Members' Enclosure) can be obtained at the Booking Offices at Harcourt street Station on day of races.—(Advt.)

MULLINGAR SPRING MEETING,

TUESDAY, 8th APRIL, 1924.

CLOSING—All Races Close on WEDNESDAY, 12th MARCH, with Mr. F. Harold Clarke, 9 Hume street, Dublin. Telegraphic Address—"Turf Club, Dublin."

THE WESTMEATH HUNT CUP—A Challenge Cup to be won three times in succession, value 25 sovs. (presented by the Westmeath Hunt Club) with 50 sovs. in specie added. Entrance—1 sov. Distance—About three miles and a half. Winner and second free entry.

THE GREVILLE CUP, value 100 sovs. (presented by the late Lord Greville), with 50 sovs. in specie added. A Steeplechase for horses that have never won a race under any rules value 83 sovs. Entrance—1 sov. Distance—About two miles.

THE BELVEDERE PLATE of 75 sovs., of which the second will receive 10 sovs. A Flat Race for horses that have not won a flat race under any rules value 50 sovs. Entrance—2 sovs. Distance—About two miles.

THE KILLUCAN HURDLE RACE of 75 sovs., of which the second will receive 10 sovs. A Hurdle Race for horses that have not since January 1st, 1925, won a race under any rules value 60 sovs. Entrance—2 sovs. Distance—About one mile and a half.

THE STEWARDS' PLATE of 75 sovs., of which the second horse will receive 10 sovs. A Handicap Steeplechase. A winner after the publication of the weights (March 21st), 10 lbs. extra. Entrance—2 sovs. Distance—About two miles. (Advt.)

NAAS HARRIERS' POINT-TO-POINT RACES,

OSBERSTOWN, NAAS.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14th, 1924.

Five Races—Members', Farmers', Open, Ladies' Open and Owners' Up.

Entries Close on THURSDAY, MARCH 6th, with Mr. T. I. Gray, Naas, from whom all further particulars may be obtained.—(Advt.)

STRABANE HARRIERS' POINT-TO-POINT RACES,

THURSDAY, MARCH 20th, 1924.

ENTRIES CLOSE MARCH 13th.

Full particulars from

A. SNODGRASS, M.R.C.V.S., Hon. Secretary, STRABANE. —(Advt.)

HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

Date—March	Meet	Hour.
Saturday 1st	9-Mile Stone	1.30
	THE KILDARE.	
February.		
To-day	Tinoran Cross-roads	11.30
March.		
Saturday, 1st	Dunferth Cross-roads	11.30
	THE MEATH.	
February.		
To-day	Brittas	11.0
Friday, 29th	Garadice	12.0

FINGAL HARRIERS.

A GREAT HARE HUNT.

A fairly large field met hounds at the 7th Milestone, Ashbourne road, on Tuesday last, and, although scent in the early part of the day was of a catchy description, a capital day's hunting with some grand hound work was thoroughly enjoyed. We commenced operations on Mr. Connelly's farm at Meadstown, and without any delay a hare was on foot, hounds hunting nicely over a nice piece of pasture to the village Newtown to Ballymacarney, and up to the village of Kilbride, where puss was headed, and, crossing Ballymacarney, we ran over Baytown and almost to Newtown Cross-roads, where scent failed. Another hare was found almost directly, which after a good thing was the best run of the season. He made went at a nice pace over Mabestown to Tobbertoru, and on to The Ashbourne road, which they crossed at on to The Ashbourne road, which they crossed at the old police barracks, and carrying on the line over Mr. Monks' farm went on by Cooliquay, and crossing the Ward river into Newpark, ran steadily on to Chapelmidway. Here they checked momentarily at the Garristown road, but picking up the line on Mr. King's farm at Staphubble they ran by the side of the Rath to Tubbertbur, and, bearing to the right, this wonderful hare went on by the kennels at Killeek, thence on by Kingston, where he was wheeled to the left, and running over Barbarstown and into the forest farm, where we crossed the formidable double, which took heavy toll of an already dwindling field. Then over Miss Crean's farm at Knockredan, and, running their hare in view, hounds rolled her over in the open within full field of the Naul road, at Brackenstown. This is a fine miles' point, but hounds must have covered fully eight miles. The hare, by the way, were actually up at the finish included one lady.

KILKENNY HOUNDS.

CHANGE OF MEETS.—March—Monday, 3rd, Windgap; Wednesday, 5th, Gowran; Friday, 7th, Foyle Bridge; Saturday, 8th, Cuffesgrange. At 11 o'clock.

The Strabane Harriers will meet as follows:—March — Saturday, 1st, Sion; Wednesday, 5th, Victoria Bridge; Saturday, 8th, Doohan Cross-roads; Wednesday, 12th, Rossdee; Saturday, 15th, Omey Meeting House; Thursday, 20th, Carrickleek Races (2 o'clock). At 12.30 p.m.

EAST GALWAY HUNT CHANGE OF MEETS.

FRIDAY, 29th FEBRUARY.

St. Brendan's instead of Green Door.

FRIDAY, 7th MARCH.

Flower Hill Bridge instead of Clonfert Cross. —(Advt.)

BILLIARDS.

SMITH v. NEWMAN.

At Newcastle yesterday afternoon Smith had breaks of 192, 138, 201, and 341 (unfinished), and Newman of 276 and 173.

At night a grand break of 974 by Smith was the outstanding item. Closing scores:—Smith, 11,819; Newman, 11,273.

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Graham Symes, three times holder of the amateur championship, drew further away from his rival in this heat at Piccadilly, London, yesterday afternoon, averaging 23 for the session against 17, and scoring 503 against 380. Starting in great form, he made breaks of 51, 70, 88, 55, and 77, while Graham, after 37, 30, and 40, completed a brilliant 113. After a great struggle at night Graham Symes beat Graham by 4,119. Closing scores:—J. Graham Symes, 2,000; Graham, 1,581.

SWIMMING.

SANDYCOVE CLUB.

The annual general meeting will be held this (Thursday) evening at "The Oval," Middle Abbey street, at 8 o'clock. Members and intending members invited.

ROWING.

PORTADOWN BOAT CLUB.

Mr. S. H. Hewitt presided at the annual meeting of the members of this club, in the Town Hall, on Tuesday evening.

In token of appreciation of the valuable services he had rendered to the club, Mr. R. O'Lone, Hon. Treasurer, was presented with a silver Loving Cup and made an honorary life member.

The financial statement showed a substantial credit balance.

Major D. G. Shillington, M.P., was appointed patron for ensuing year, and Mr. T. A. Shillington president, and the other appointments included the following:—Captain, Orbell; vice-captains, Messrs. H. Richardson and H. Walsh; hon. secretaries, Messrs. E. Callaghan and T. D. Gibson, jun., M.A.; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. O'Lone; committee, Messrs. J. H. Wade, J. Fyfe, T. Corbett, L. Mallowes, R. J. Hewitt, J. Shepherd, E. A. Walsh, H. Gray, H. Anderson and A. M. McLean.

COURSING.

THE TIPPERARY CUP MEETING—TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

THE DRAW.

Judge—Mr. M. F. Davin. Slipper—B. Redmond.

PUPPY STAKES—For 32 puppies. Winner, £50; second, £20; two dogs, £7 each; four dogs, £5 each.

Mr. J. O'Brien's Fade Away agst. Mr. Magner's Sean Riebac.

Mr. Hassett's Ireland Again agst. Mr. Harte's Hidden Power.

Mr. Burke's The Bedouin agst. Mr. Cleary's Midge.

Mr. Maher's Dark Event agst. Mr. C. Rogers' Sun Charmer.

Mr. Condon's Spanner agst. Mr. Harte's Hidden Hero.

Mr. P. O'Brien's Rakes of Mallow agst. Mr. T. O'Gorman's Old Pal.

Mr. Small's Small Fort agst. Mr. M. O'Gorman's Marching Tune.

Mr. Hayes' Blackrock agst. Mr. N. O'Brien's Hop to It.

Mr. Potts' Carrice agst. Mr. Harney's You, Sir.

Mr. McEvoy's Bocchach Khu agst. Mr. Gorey's Gimlet.

Mr. Coughlan's Charade agst. Mr. Gorey's Glenard.

Mr. Fitzgerald's Flying Arab agst. Mr. Carroll's Call at Dinie.

Mr. O'Mahony's Tangled Skein agst. Mr. Morrissey's Oakfront Lass.

Mr. Ryan's Ruby Girl agst. Mr. O'Connor's Moon Queen.

Mr. Cleary's Grappho agst. Mr. O'Connor's Honey Lass II.

Mrs. Potts' Fair Kaiserine agst. Mr. Foley's Nux Vomica.

TIPPERARY CUP—For 32 all-ages. Winner, £100 and Cup; second, £30; two dogs, £10 each; four dogs, £5 each.

Mr. T. D. O'Sullivan's Brave Show agst. Mr. McEllistrum's Bellswagger.

Mr. White ns. King Karl agst. Mr. Roche's Crony Boy II.

Mr. Ryan's Harrier's Pride agst. Mr. Burke's Bohawn-a-Hocht.

Mr. Brennan's Dorando agst. Mr. Meehan ns. Foxboro Lad.

Mr. Fleming ns. Full Tide agst. Mr. Brown ns. Stylish Worker.

Mr. Prendergast's Modiac agst. Mr. Morris ns. Crim

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

DUBLIN.

NATIONAL LOAN EASIER. BRITISH FUNDS HIGHER ON BALANCE. BANK STOCK WEAK. MARCONIS FLAT. RAILS BETTER.

There was rather a quiet maintenance of market values on the Dublin Stock Exchange yesterday in most securities dealth in, but considerable weakness was shown in others. National Government Loan was a shade easier, without much business being done. British Funds were again higher on balance. Bank of Ireland Stock developed further weakness on sale pressure in the absence of support. Other bank shares were firm. Guinness issues were quietly maintained. Weakness again appeared for Marconi Ord. Shares, which is not unexpected, seeing the continued delay in notifying the interim dividends on account of last year. Home Rails were firmer. Midland Great Western issues rallied, as did Great Southern Ord. Dublin United Tram Pref. remain in request. British-American Tobaccos improved, but Imperials were inclined to be dull. Textiles were generally weaker. A. Armstrong Ord. Shares were offered at an advance, and the Pref. were bid for at a further improvement. Dunlop Rubber Ord. were higher.

In Government National Loan, the fully paid on application fell ⅛ to 98½, and the instalment fully paid ex-coupon ⅛ to 94½, but fully paid instalment with coupon again quoted 96½.

British Funds were good. Consols rose ¼ to 56¾. Victory Bonds ⅛ to 90¼. Irish Land 3 per cent. ⅛ to 62½, and India 3 per cent. ¼ to 55½, while ditto 3½ per cent. fell ⅛ to 64½, and War Loan 5 per cent ¼ to 100¾.

The feature in Banks was the further fall of 3 to 270 in Bank of Ireland Stock, but Nationals rose ⅛ to 19⅛, and Royals repeated 14⅜.

In Breweries, Guinness Ord. repeated 40 and the Pref. 114.

Marconi Ord. fell 1s. 9d. to 38s. 9d., and then rallied to 39s.

Home Rails were in better request. Great Southern rose ½ to 49 and the Debs. repeated 72. Midland Great Western Ord. rose ¾ to 38 and the 5 p.c. Pref. 1¼ to 65½, while the 4 p.c. Debs. repeated 65¾. Great Northern Debs. fell ¼ to 72¾ for a broken lot.

In Trams, Dublin United Pref. rose ⅛ to 10⅛.

Alliance Gas Debs. rose 1 to 63

In Dunlop Rubbers, the Ord. rose 3d. to 8s. 10½d.

In Drapery Shares, Henry Street Warehouse Shares repeated 12s. 6d. Switzer Debs. realised 5½, and Arnott Pref. were firm at 75s.

As regards Manufacturing Shares. A. Armstrong and Co. Ord. were held for 6s., against 5s. last price, but the Pref. were held for 8s., compared with 7s., last business done level. British-American Tobacco rose 9d. to 104s. Calico repeated 34s. 1½d. Coats Ord. fell 7½d. to 62s., and the Pref. rose ⅛ to 11⅞. Fine Spinners relapsed 4½d. to 48s. Imperial Tobaccos were dull at 70s. 69s. 9d. Courtaulds rose 3d. to 61s. 9d.

In Trading, etc., Alex. Thom Debs. fell ⅛ to 63. Hibernian Fire repeated 4s. 3d., and Brooks Thomas Pref. realised 16s. 3d.

Shell Transports realised 92s. 6d., and Barry, Ostlere and Shepherd Ord. 53s. 9d. again.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSIONS.

Transactions for cash marked "c."

National Loan (98½) 98½. Dub. Tram Pf. (10) 10⅛. Do. Instalment Scrip ..... Gas Deb. ..... (62) 63

(96½) "96½ Arnott Pref. ..... (75½) 75⅞

Do. Instalment ..... Henry Street (12½) 12½

(94½) 94½ xcoupon Switzer Deb. ..... (54½) "54¼

Consols ..... (56½) 56¾ Armstrong (A.) (5½) 6

5% War Ln. (100½) 100⅝ Do. Pref. ..... (7¾) 8 b

Victory Bonds. (90¼) 90¾ B.A.T. ..... (103⅝) 104

5% Exch. Bonds. ..... 101⅛ Imp. Tob. ..... (70½) "70

3½ Land Act. ..... "69⅞

India 3½% ..... (64⅞) 64½ Calicos ..... (34¼) 34¼

Do. 3% ..... (55) 55½ Coats ..... (62¾) 62⅝

Bank Ireland. (273) 270 Courtaulds ..... (61⅛) 61⅝

National ..... (19) "19⅛ Courtaulds ..... (61⅛) 61⅝

Royal ..... (14½) 14⅜ Spinners ..... (48¾) 48

Guinness ..... (40) 40 Brooks Pref. (16) "16.5

Do. Pref. ..... (11½) 11⅝ Dublin Dec. (63½) 63

Marconi. (40⅝) 38⅞ 9" Hibernian Fire. (4/3) 4/3

G.S.W. Ord. ..... (48½) 49 Ast. Cement 5% Deb. 91½

Do. Deb. ..... (72) 72 Barry Ostlere 53

M.G.W. Ord. (37½) "38 Brit. Col. Elec. 4½% Deb.

Do. 5% Pref. 65½ 75½

Do. 4% Deb. ..... 65¼ Dunlops ....(8/7½) 8/10

G.N. Deb. ..... (73) "72 Shells Co. ....(92/6) 92/6

South Clare. (16½) 16½

"Odd lot; b bid, a asked.

(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Discount ..... 5 p.c. 5th July, 1923.
Deposit ..... 2 p.c. 5th July, 1923.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Mining contango day.. March 3 | March 17
General contango day. March 4 | March 18
Ticket day ..... March 5 | March 19
Account day ..... March 6 | March 20

BELFAST.

Belfast Exchange was fairly active yesterday, and prices generally continued firm. In Government Stocks the 5 p.c. War Loan changed hands at 100¾ and 100⅞, Treasury Bonds at 103½, Consols at 56¼, and Irish Land 3½ p.c. Stock at 58⅜. In Bank Shares Northern Bank "B" were done at 2⅜ and Midland fully-paid at 8⅞. In Railway Stocks the market was idle, and business was confined to a small lot of Great Northern Ord. at 64½. In Industrials a transaction in Belfast Ropeworks Ord. at 91 on 26th inst. was marked, and business was done yesterday at 90½. Coats brought 62⅜, and Calico Printers at 35s. 6d. White Tomkins and Courage Ord. were dealt in at 25s. 6d. Courtaulds changed hands at 62s., Fairbairn Ord. at 21s. 3d., Radio Corporation at 20s., Dunlops at 9s., and Imperial Tobacco at 70s.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

BIRMINGHAM.—The feature was great activity in Motor Debentures, which touched 56¼. Singers still supported Calthorpes strengthened. During a shade easier: Austins, 2/9; Debentures, 54½; Calthorpes, 8/6; M.T.D., 6/3½; Enfields, 22/6; Hunbers, 24/-; Rollis, 23/6; Rovers, 14/1; Singers, 28/-; Standards, 58/3; Swifts, 5/6; Triumphs, 30/-; Vauxhalls, 6/10½; Dunlops, 9/-; Parent Deferred, 26/3½; Harper Bells, 11/-.

MANCHESTER.—Most leading Textiles rose off slightly. Bleachers, 48/6-49/-; Pref., 21/-21/6; Calicos, 35/9-36/3; Pref., 18-18/3; Dyers, 61/-61/6; Pref., 20/-20/3; Cotton, 50/-50/6; Pref., 19/-19/3; Spinners, 47/6-48/-; Pref., 19/-19/6; Combers, 8/9-9/-; Coats, 61/6-62/6; Ship Canal, 21-21½; Pref., 31-31½; Velvets, 26/6-27/-.

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON:—Alliance, 53½, 4; Atlas, 17½, £17 3/6; British General, 20/6; Commercial Union, 19⅜, £19 9/-, 19⅜; Consolidated, 55/-, 4/4½; General Accident, 64½, 5/-, ½; London and Lancashire, 16½ British Dominions, 17½, 16½; Phœnix, 11½; Royal Exchange, 506, 4, 7, 8; Sun, 17⅞, 18, 2; Victory, 3/-; Yorkshire, 11½.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL:—Alliance, 273/6; Atlas, 17½; Commercial Union, 19¼, 4; Eagle Star, 258/3, 7/6; Employers' Liability, 84⅝, 6d. 14d.; London and Lancashire, 16½; London Assurance, 63, ⅝; do. 6 p.c. Cum. Pref., 83/-; Motor Union, 5¼; Northern Assurance, 39/-, 95/-; Phœnix, 11½; do. Norswich Union Fire, 11½; do. 5 p.c. Regd. Deb Stock, 100; Royal Insurance, 24; Scottish Union and National Insurance "A" Shares, 10½.

TEA SHARES.

Market very quiet and weak. Assam, 27/9-6d.; Chargola, 5/6-3d.; Doom Doona, 7/6-1/6; East Assam, 4/3-½; East Produce, 58/3-1/3; Empire, 66/-6d.

Business Done:—Associated, 43/9; Bengal United, 58/9; Chargola, 5/6-/; Chubwa, 3½, ½; Dwijgrai, 15/6, 9d.; Dimbula Valley, 53/6; Doom Doonia, 7/6-/; East India and Ceylon, 44/6, 3d.; Empire of India, 66-/; Imperial, 44/9, 10½d., 3d.; Jokai Assam, 73/6, 4/-; Attaree Khat, 10⅜; Revelry, 1½; British Assam, 97/6; Doolooram, 43/3, 70/6, 1/9, 6d., 1/-, 71/6; Sephajuri Bheel, 12/3; Southern India, 58/4½, 8/-, 7/6, 8/6.

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LONDON STOCKS IRREGULAR.

A DULL CLOSE.

The Stock markets presented quite an irregular appearance yesterday, business being very quiet and dull. There was a tendency, however, to improvement in prices, more particularly in connection with the speculative counters favoured by Paris. The close was dull and uninteresting. In the Gilt-edged department, British Funds were heavy and lower where they moved. The 5 per cent. War Loan at 100½ fell ½; the Conversion Loan at 75½ ex div. lost ½. Local Loans fell ½ to 64¾.

In FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES the renewed weakness of the franc was reflected in the further decline of the Loans. The Fives fell ⅜ to 21½ ex div., and the 4 per cent. ½ to 16½. German Threes fell ⅛ to 1¼. Argentine Fives of 1909 fell 1 to 94½. Japanese 5 per cent. Scrip left off firm at 3 premium.

HOME RAILS were out of favour, with few movements of interest. L.M.S. Ord. fell ½ to 103. Great Westerns closed unchanged. Southern Def. at 43½ rose ½, and the "A" Stock at 40½ gained ½.

COLONIALS AND FOREIGN RAILWAYS were little dealt in. "Canpacs" fell 1 to 171. Argentines were unaltered. Mexican Rails fell ½ to 10. Mexican National 2nd Pref. at 2½ lost ¼. Central Uruguay Ord. at 59½ gained ½.

OIL SHARE MARKET IDLE.

PRICES IN NARROW LIMITS.

In common with most other sections of the "House," the Oil Share market was extremely idle yesterday, prices moving within narrow limits, and the changes finally recorded being few in number and slight and irregular in character. Although business was small, an improving tendency was observable during the early hours among the leaders, and a few specialities, Shells, in particular, receiving attention, and being bid for at an advance. In the afternoon, however, Shells slipped back, and a few other favourites weakened in sympathy. Royal Dutch were depressed at one time, but the shares finished above the worst. Burmahs strengthened slightly, but shrinkages occurred in Mexican Eagles and Anglo-Persians. Some fairly good buying of V.O.C. Holdings was reported, and the price moved up, while the British Controlled issues maintained a steady tone. Among Rumanians Phœnix were a better market than of late, but otherwise there was little of interest. Closing prices:—

M.U.
Feb. 19.

3½	Aguil Petroleum	⅜	⅝
3½	Anglo-American	3⅝	3⅞
2½	Anglo-Ecuadorian	2⅛	2⅜
1½	Anglo-Egyptian B	⅞	1
23 3	Anglo-Persian B D Cert.	22 0	22 6
24 0	Do. 5 p.c. 2nd Pref.	22 7½	23 1½ 0/1½
3 3	Do. Ord., issued 2/1 p.c.	3⅛	3⅜ -⅛
8 8	Do. 5 p.c. Deb.	87½	89
2½	Apex Trinidad	2⅛	2⅝
7½	Attock	7⅜	7⅝
9⅝	Brit. Borneo Pet. (10/-) ..	⅞	⅞
9 6	British Burmah (6/-)	9⅝	10 0
6 10½	British Controlled	6 10½	7 1½
8 10½	Do. Pref.	8 10	9 1½
4½	Burmah	5	5⅛ + ⅛
24 3	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	24 0	25 3
2 1½	Caltex	1 10½	2 1½
1 6	Dacia Romano	1 6	1 9
4½	Eagle Transport	4⅜	4½
100	Do. 7 p.c. Notes	99	100
101	Do. Bearer	100½	101½
9 8	General Pet. Trinidad A.	9 7½	9 10½
	Indo Burmah	1 0	1 6
17 7½	Kern River (10/-)	17 0	18 0
7½	Lobitos	7⅜	7⅝
18 4½	Mexican Eagle	18 3	18 9 -0⅛
18 3	Do. Pref.	18 3	18 9 -0⅛
13 7½	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	13 9	14 3
	North Caucasian (10/-)...	⅛	¼
	Oilfields Egypt	1 0	1 3
3 0	Peru Syndicate	2 9	3 0
3	Phœnix	19 6	20 0 +0⅛
1 3	Premier Oil	1 2	1 4
	Rumanian Consolidated ...	11 0	12 3
38 9	Royal Dutch	37½	37⅞ -⅜
1 0	Scottish American	1 0	1 1
11	Shell Transport	4½	4⅝
4⅞	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10).	9¾	9⅞
4⅝	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	24 8	24 9 -0/3
24 0	Spies (10/-)	4 0	4 6
4 3	Steaua Romana	11 3	11 9
1 1	Tampico Pref.	⅞	1 0 -0⅛
6 0	Trinidad Central	½	⅝
⅝	Trinidad Lease	1⅛	⅛ -⅛
1 1	Trinidad Brit. Trinidad....	8 4½	9 1½ -0/1½
8 3	Ural Caspian	¼	⅜
5 9	Ursu Oil	5 7½	5 10½
4 9	V.O.C. Holdings	1 8	1 8½
1¼	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	1 0	1 2

BUSINESS DONE.

Agwi Corp. A—11/16⅛. Anglo-Egyptian B—25/7½, 1½d. Anglo-Persian Ord.—65/-, 9d., 5½d., +1/10½, 3/1½; do. 8 p.c. Pref.—92/-, +1/9. 2/4½. British Controlled Common—7/9, 6/10½. Do. Pref.—8/10½, 11½d., 9d. Burmah —4½, 5/-, 1-64, ⅞. Kern River—19/1½, 17/9, 18/-. Lobitos—7/6, 6d., 7/6d., 10½d., 8d., 4½d., +2d. do. 7 p.c. Pref.—13/11½, 14/1½, 13/10½, 14/-. Phœnix Oil—19/6, 9d., 4½d., 3d., 4½d. Royal Dutch—38, ⅞, 1⅝, ⅛, 6, 7. Shell—92/6, ⅝, "90/-, 1/9½, "90/7½, 2/3, 1/10½, "5d., "2/6, "90/-, 1/3. Trinidad Leaseholds—33/3½, 5d. W.O.S. Holdings —38/5½, 7/6, 9d., "6/10½, 8/1½, 9/0½, 8/9. (*Exceptional bargain at special price.)

INDUSTRIALS UNCHANGED.

BUSINESS STILL SMALL.

Much the same conditions prevailed in the Miscellaneous and Industrial markets yesterday as those in evidence on the preceding day. Business remained small, and no decided tendency was displayed. Courtaulds fluctuated a good deal and closed down on the day, and, except for groups which further improved, other movements in the Textiles section were unimportant. Stores description revealed little of interest. Caterers exhibited firmness, A.B.C.'s meeting with support; while Foodstuffs and Breweries kept up. Sudan Plantations eased in the Land section. The feature of the Electric Supply group was the strength of Newcastles on the excellent distribution announced, otherwise little of interest occurred. Among Canadians, Brazil Tractions remained in demand. Nitrates exhibited irregularity. Among Wireless issues Radio Corps. held their ground at 19s. 6d., business being recorded at up to 20s., though the Pref. shed 3d. to 18s. 9d. Marconi Prefs receded to 12, and Marines to 10s. Cables showed few changes of importance. Bank shares had a firm appearance, National of South Africas rising ½ to 6¼, while Barclays B improved to 53s. 3d. Insurances kept up.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

JOHN C. PARKES AND SONS.—6 per cent. per annum on the Ord shares and £3,010 forward, compared with 8 per cent. and £3,541 forward a year ago.

YAM SENG RUBBER CO.—The directors' report for the year ended 31st October, 1923, states that the profit for the year amounted to £1,614 13s. 1d. The balance from last account was £10,138 19s. 4d., making a total of £11,752 13s. 9d. After deducting corporation profits tax for year to 31st October, 1923 (£26 12s.), there is a balance of £11,726 1s. 9d., which the directors recommend to be allocated as follows:—To payment of dividend on the Preference shares for the year 8s. 15s., and on Ordinary Shares at 1d. per Share, free of income tax) for the year, £3,491 13s. 4d. Balance to next account (subject to corporation profits tax, if any), £8,830 13s. 5d. The amount of rubber harvested for the year amounted to 384,423lbs., a decrease of 26,355lbs., as compared with the previous year's output. The average price realised for the sale of rubber was 12.27d. per lb., against 9.35d. per lb. for the previous year. Area tapped during the year, 1,448 acres; area untapped, 307 acres. Buildings, roads, rivers, waste lands and swamps used for rice growing, 463 acres. Total area of the estate, 2,218 acres. The estimated crop of rubber for the year ended 31st October, 1924, is 316,728lbs., based on the quantity allowed under the scheme of restriction. Threshing for end sale of ribbed smoked sheet for delivery in 1924 has been made, viz.:—60 tons at 1s. 5d. per lb., ex-go-down Singapore. Mr. A. W. Orr and Mr. R. McC. Dillon retire, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. The auditors, Messrs. Stokes Bros. and Pim, retire, and offer themselves for re-appointment.

ASSETS CO.—Dividend of 6 per cent., less tax.

COURTAULDS, LTD.—Profits amount to £2,916,850, and £636,899 was brought in, making £3,553,849. Final dividend of 1/9 per share, free of tax. The result of the year's working may be considered fairly satisfactory, allowing for the fact that the pressure of foreign competition has been more severe than ever. The company's business in artificial silk has increased in volume, though, as foreseen, foreign competition has resulted in a lower margin of profit. There can be little doubt that competition will increase and profits tend towards a lower level.

MESSAGERIES MARATIMES.—Directors have decided not to pay a dividend for 1923.

NEWCASTLE ELECTRIC SUPPLY.—Dividend on Ordinary of 6 per cent. for past year, against 2½ per cent. for preceding twelve months.

NORTH BRITISH LOCOMOTIVE.—The directors recommend a dividend of 5 per cent. for the year on the Ord. shares, free of tax. To meet a fall in the trading balance a sum of £50,000 has been taken from reserve and £18,838 is carried forward. For 1923 there was a net profit of £35,751, and £204,742 was brought in. The Ord. shares received 7½ per cent., tax free, and £109,234 was carried forward.

PETER ROBINSON, LTD.—A final dividend of 10 per cent. for year; £35,356 carried forward.

SMEDLEY'S HYDROPATHIC.—Interim dividend of 1/3 per share, free of tax, on fully-paid Ord. shares, and 6d. per share, free of tax on the part-paid.

WALLSEND SLIPWAY AND ENGINEERING.—Dividend of 4½ per cent., free of tax, making 7½ per cent. for the year.

WILLIAM WHITELEY.—A final dividend of 16 per cent., making, with the interim dividend, 20 per cent. for the year, and a further dividend on the Ordinary Shares of 5 per cent. as a special bonus.

CLOSING PRICES.

The quotations in the following tables were made up at an earlier hour than, and may, therefore vary to some extent from, those given in our comments:—

CONSOLS, ETC.

Consols	56 57	3½ % Conv. Ln.	75-73¾ -¾
War Ln. 5½ %	99½ 99⅝	Ireland 4% ...	88 89
do. 4½ %	96 97	India 3 %	53 56
do. 5 %	100½-10⅞ -¼	do. 3½	54 55
do. 4 % Tax free	99 100	do. 3%	49 50
	102-103	do. 2½	111 113
Fund'g Ln.	57 58	Local Loans	64-65 -
Victory Bds.	90- 91⅛	Sudan 4½ p.c.	107-109

AMERICAN RAILS.

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—	Atchison	114	116 -1
—	Baltimore	84	86
—	Chesapeake	78	81 -1
—	Chicago, Milwaukee	17	18
79½	Erie	28	29 -1
—	Do. 1st Pref.	34	36 -1
—	New York, Ontario	19	21 -1
88	Southern Common	55	57
—	Do. Pref.	82	84
—	Southern Pacific	101	103
—	Union Pacific	153	156

BRITISH RAILS.

110½	Great Western	112	113
102⅛	Ldn., Mid. & Scot. Ord...	102½	103¼ - ¾
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	79	81
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Red Pref.	96	98
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red Pref.	98	101
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref., 1923.	79	81
84½	Ldn., North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	84½	85½
—	Do. Def. Ord.	22½	23¾
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	79	81
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.....	78	80
76	Metropolitan	76	77
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	97	100
36	Do. Districts	34	36
84½	Southern 1 Pref. Ord.	84½	85½
20½	Do. Def. Ord.	43	44 + ⅝
38	Do. A	41	41 + ⅝
11	Do. "B"	10½	11⅝
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	98	101
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pf. 1924	98	100
3	Underground Electric ...	2⅞	3⅛
103	Do. Income Bonds....	100	103
103	Do. 6 p.c. Debs.	102	104

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

86¾	Antofagasta	86¼	86½
—	Argentine G.W. Ord....	75	77
—	Bahia Blanca	77	79
—	Brazil Railway Common	¼	1¼
88½	Buenos Ayres Gt. S.....	86	89
80	Buenos Ayres and Pacific	81½	83½
78¼	Buenos Ayres and W.....	76½	81¼
171	Canadian Pacific	170	172 -1
76½	Central Argentine	76¼	78½
58½	Central Uruguay	58½	60½ + ⅝
—	Entre Rios	20	22
—	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	73½	75½
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.	80	81
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Deb.	44	47
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb..	78	81
26	Leopoldina	25½	26¼
10	Mexican Rails	9¼	10½ - ⅜
28½	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	25	27
15½	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	15	17
2	Mexican Nat. 1st Pref...	5	6
2¾	Mexican Nat. 2nd Pref.	2	2¼ - ⅛
102	San Paulo Ord.	140	153
84½	United Havana	88	91

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

	Alberta 4 p.c. 1940	83-85	
	Aust. Com. 5½	100-102	
	do. 6 p.c.	103-105	
	Brit. Col. 4 p.c. 1941	94 96	
	Canada 4	99	
	do. 4 1920	100½ 101	
	Cape 3 Cons.	79 81	
	Ceylon 6%	105 7	
	Natal 3½ '24	79 81	
	N.S.W. 4 1922	96 98	
	do. 5½ 1923	99 101	
	do. 5½ 1922-32	101-103	
	do. 6½ 1930-40	106-108	
	N. Zeal. 4½ '29	94 96	
	Nigeria 6%	111 113	
	Q'land 4 1940-50	79 82	
	do. 4½ 1920	98 100	
	do. 5½ 1940	106 108	
	S. Africa 4%	85-87	
	do. 6%	105 107	
	do. 4½ 1937-47	90 92	
	do. 5½	101-103	
	do. 6½	105-7	
	Victoria 4 1940	80 84	
	W. Aust. 4	82 84	
	do. 5½ 1930-40	100-102	

FOREIGN BONDS.

100	Argentine, 1886	99	101
72	Do. 4 p.c. Funding	71	73
85½	Do. 5 p.c. 1909	89	90 -1
45½	Brazil 4 p.c., 1889	45	47
85½	Do. Funding, 1908....	83	86
73	Do. 5 p.c. 1914	72	74
92	Chinese 5 p.c. 1896	90	94
78½	Do. 5 p.c., 1898	76	80
60	Do. 5 p.c.	59	61
98½	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds ...	97	99
74	Dominican Unifics.	73	75
20½	French 'Loan	21	22⅜ -⅛
16	Do. 4 p.c.	16	17 -⅛
20 0	Germans 5 p.c.	19	21
29	Italian Rentes	29	30
110	Japanese 4½ p.c. 1st	112	114
18½	Do. 5 p.c., 1905	18	19
80½	Do. New 5 p.c., 1907.	80	82
85½	Mexican 5 p.c., 1899	82	86
—	Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas.	83	86
3	Peruvian Corporation	2¾	3½
12½	Do. Pref.	11	13
—	Do. Deb.	93	97
30½	Portuguese 3 p.c.	27	29
100	Do. Prov. 6 p.c.	100	111
72	Spanish 4 p.c.	65	69
57	Uruguay 3½ p.c.	55½	57½

BANKS.

—	Agricultural of Egypt	7½	7¾
—	Anglo-South American	7⅛	7½
—	Australasia	13	13½
—	Bank New South Wales	7⅜	7⅝
—	Bank of New Zealand....	2¼	2½
—	Barclays	7⅝	8
—	British of Foreign Trade	1	1⅛
—	British Overseas	4⅞	5⅛
—	Canadian of Commerce.	9⅝	9⅞
—	Chartered of India	10½	10¾
—	Hong Kong	130	132
—	Lloyds	57⅛	58 0
—	Midland	97	98
—	National Discount "B"	7⅜	8½ -½
—	National Prov. (£4 p.)	10	10½
—	Royal Bank of Canada	47	49
—	Standard South Africa	16¾	17½
—	Union of Australia	14½	14¾
—	Westminster Bank	17½	17¾

TELEGRAPHS.

22½	Anglo-American Def.	22⅛	22⅞
—	Marconi Wireless Ord.	1⅞	2 - ⅛
—	Do. Pref.	1⅞	1⅞
—	Do. Debs.	104	106
—	Do. Marine	1½	1⅝ - ⅛
—	Do. Canada	5⅛	5⅜
21 9	Oriental Telephone	9 6	9 9
18 9	Radio Corporation	19 6	20 0 +10
18 3	Do. Pref.	18 9	19 3 +10½

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5 9	Bisichwanaland Ex.	5⅝	5⅞
3 9	Dam and Motor	3½	3⅝ - ⅛
13 6	Dam'd B.S.A....	13 3	13 6
5 3	Falcon	3 6	4 0 -0/3
15 3	Gaika Gold	15 0	15 6
14 0	Globe & Phœnix	13 6	14 0 + 1 3
7 4½	Gold F. Rhs.	7 10½	8 1½
1⅛	Lonely Reef	1⅛	1⅜
1 3	Rhodesian	1 2½	1 3 - ⅛
4 3	S. Broken Hill (5/-)	4 1½	4 3
9 3	Rainkwe	8 6	9 0
1 3	Shanva Mines	1⅝	1¾
2⅞	Sherwood Starr	2⅝	2¾ - ⅛
20 0	Tanganyika	19 0	19 9
34 0	Vis. Falls Ord.	31 0	34 0
29 6	Do. Pref.	29 0	29 6
12 9	Winkie Oil. (10/-)	11 6	12 9
14 3	Zambesia Explor.	13 3	13 9
	Zambesia Min. D.	3⅛	3⅝

DIAMOND.

1	Angola Diamond	7⅛	1
20 0	Cons. D. S. W. A.	20 6	21 0
11⅜	De Beers Def.	12⅜	12½ + ⅛
11⅜	Do. Pref.	11 6	11⅝
1 3	Jagersfontein	1 3	1 3½ + ⅛
	N. Val River	1⅜	1⅝
7½	Premier Pf. (5/-)...	7 7	7 9

AUSTRALIAN.

1⅛	Amal. Zinc	1⅛	1⅜
14 3	Associated	14 3	14 9
8	Brk. Australian....	1⅝	1⅞
96 9	Broken Hill Prop.	7 6	7 9
23 6	B. Hill Sth. (New 2/5 p.)	23 3	23 6
6	B. Hill, Block 10....	⅝	¾
1 3	Electro Zinc Pref.	1⅜	1⅝
1	Proprietary	⅞	1
15 9	Lake View (10/-)...	16 0	17 0 0/6
1 3	New Broken Hill	1 3	1 3½
13 6	Sulphide Ord.	13 9	13 9 + 0/3
17 9	Zinc Ord. (10/-)...	17 6	18 3 + 0/6
2 3	do. Pref.	2 3	2 6

WEST AFRICAN.

5	Akim	4½	5
7 9	Ashanti Gold (4/-)	7 3	7 9
9 9	Fanti Cons. (5/-)	9 3	9 9
15 0	Gold Coast Amal.	15 0	15 3
4 0	Taquah Explor.	4 0	4 6 + 0/3

*Ex Dividend. †Ex Rights.

BUSINESS DONE.

Anglo-American Corp.—27/9⅜, 6d., 3d., 8/1½, 7/-, 7½d., 4½d. Brakpan—56/3. Dam. and Motor—58/4½, 5s., 7/0½, 3s., 6/3½. Ferreira—69/6½, 9/9½. Central Mining—10½, ⅛. City Deep—1/3. Cons. Dmd. Mines, S.W. Af.—21/3, 1/1½d., 1/2d. Crown Mines—60/1½, 2/-, 1/10½. Consol. Main Reef—8/9, 8½d. Consol. Mines Selection—16/7½, 3d., 5½d., 6d., 30s., 24d. Corderoy—4/4½, 2½d., 4d. Crown Mines—60/1½, 2/-, 1/10½. Durban Roodepoort Deep—26/3, 6/-, 4½d., 5d., 6/0½, 1/5. Durban Rood. Deep—26/3, 6/-, 4½d. East Rand Prop.—7/6, 7½d., 8½d., 6d. Ellaton—1/3. Esperanza—5/4½, 1½d., 2d., 7/0½, 6/10½, *4/6. Esperanza—5/4½, 1½d., 2d., 1½d. Fanti Consols—9/7½, 6½d., 9/-, Geduld—6/5⅞, 6d., 3d. Government Areas—6/4, Huronian Belt—51/6, 2/-, 1/3, 2/6, 2/-. Johannesburg Invest.—55/-, 4/10½, 7½d., 6d. Kleinfontein—6/1½, 60/11½, 3/3, 60/7½. Maddeerfontein B (5/- shares)—35/6½, 4/-, 3/9, *4/0½, 3/10½, 5½d., 9d. Maddeerfontein Deep (6/- shares)—35/6½, 4/-, 3/9, *4/0½, 3/10½, 5½d., 9d. Modderfontein East—10/3, 6d. *11d., 3½d., 4½d. Mount Lyell—*22

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Maryville, Raheny, in divisions of 10, 15 and 8 Acres.
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On SATURDAY, 8th MARCH, 1924,
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Part of the Lands of Jonesborough, situate in the Barony of Upper Kells, and County of Meath, containing 248a. or 79b. or thereabouts, statute measure, equal to 244 acres, 1 R., 36P., together with the dwellinghouse and out-offices thereon, held in fee-simple, subject to an annuity of £115 15s., payable to the Irish Land Commission.

PARTICULARS.

The lands are suitable for either tillage or grazing, laid out in convenient-sized fields, sheltered, fenced and watered, and free from disease.

The dwellinghouse is substantially built, and contains 2 reception rooms, 6 bedrooms, servant's room, kitchen, pantry, dairy, etc.

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SALE OF BARM, CORBALLIS, TALLAGHT.—For J. McEntee, Esq.

TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), 29th FEBRUARY, KIMMAGE, Adjoining the City.—For A. Farrington, Esq. (if not previously Let by Private Treaty).—Letting of 51 Acres Grazing, in following Divisions—

	A.	R.	P.
Brooklawn Div. (1)	8	0	36
(2)	4	0	6
St. Asa's Div.	7	1	24
Quarry Div.	3	1	3
Swan Nook Div.	3	0	6
New Grass	3	0	24
Corner Field	1	1	11

Sale, 12 o'clock.

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CHEAP Offer before Transplanting—Laurel, 12-18 inch, 1,000 for 15/-; 18-24 inch, 1,000 for 20/-; 2-3 ft., Scotch Fir, 12-24, 500 6/-, 24-30 inch, 500 6/-; Spruce, 12-18 inch, 100 4/-, 12-24, 100 5/-.—Ashtown.

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